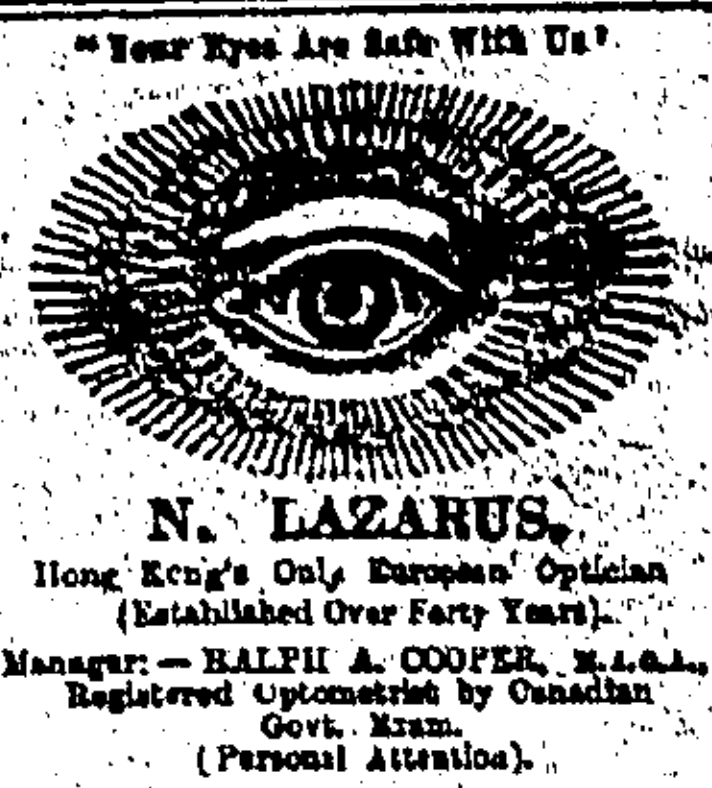


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"THE MOST SINFUL CITY ON EARTH"

It is quite usual to read articles denouncing Shanghai, and its ways. No one denies it has peculiarly dark and mysterious places—but the majority of its inhabitants, European and native, as in every city, are quite ordinary respectable people. Its "night life" is mainly left to visitors. However Mr. Ketchum of the London Daily Express gives the following "purple" description of the place which is the kind of thing people at home like to read about the Far East.

He writes:—
Is Shanghai the most sinful city on earth? Are more iniquities performed here under cover of darkness than, let us say, in Moscow, Baghdad, Constantinople, Cairo, or Calcutta? I think so.

It has always been the legend of travellers, and I think that I can bear them out. At any rate, there is no city in the world where the populace abandons itself more completely to its nocturnal pleasures, nor, indeed, where stranger events go on during the mystic hours between dusk and dawn.

A bizarre outpost of the British Empire, merging as it does east with west in an incongruous combination of peoples who hail from every quarter of the globe. You have your British Settlement, with its Anglo-Saxon inhabitants—English, Scotch, Irish, Canadians, Australians, and Americans—its clubs, English parks, and imposing bank buildings, triumphs of British architecture, standing like mighty sentinels along the whole length of the Bund.

You have the French Concession, with its Parisian restaurants, its Roman Catholic churches, French schools and convents, and that gateway of all sporting institutions in the Far East, the Cercle Sportif Francaise, which serves as a veritable social Mecca for foreigners of all nationalities and creeds. You have, too, the Japanese Concession, with its Japanese tea houses, Japanese shops, and pink-complexioned Japanese women slip-slipping along in wooden sandals attired in their quaint, bright, silken costumes of old Japan.

Tartar Beauties.
You have suave Italians, the Portuguese, dark-hued Mongolians, and Russians, hordes of them, varying in type from bearded libertines of Georgia to golden-haired Tartar beauties and black-eyed coquettes from the Caucasus. You have the Chinese, their dainty little womenfolk in dark, rich silks, their men immaculate in white. You have, but I am writing of the night life of Shanghai.

It is now three in the morning. You have dined at the great Hotel Majestic, where hundreds of merry-makers—foreign and Chinese alike—have been dancing the foxtrot and the tango throughout the evening to the western jazz music of a British regimental band. Perhaps you have been the guest (as I have been) of Mr. or Mrs. and Miss Wing On, of the millionaire draper family, the head of which, with his vast departmental stores, is the Selfridge of Shanghai. May be, better still, it has been one of the gala nights, the occasion of an American or a Russian ball, when this palatial Majestic ballroom, with its spraying fountains, multi-coloured lights, and revolving chandeliers, has become a maze of shimmering iridescence. Champagne corks are popping, wine is flowing in rivers. You have spent one glorious hour; you have no wish to retire.

You go along then to No. 1, Bubbling Well-road, not far away, drive up to the door of what appears to be a bank, ring, and wait and see! If you are lucky the door is opened, and you are let in cautiously by a smiling Chinese youth.

"Are you a member?" he whispers warily. You are! So the world—and you—are passed on. You are led to a lift, carried up three storeys aloft, and then guided through divers labyrinthine passages until you have reached the "club." Here curtains are nervously drawn aside until your identity is beyond question, and then at last you are admitted.

Take a glimpse at the scene before you! Green-covered tables are scattered in half a dozen rooms. Round them foreigners are crowded, mostly American women, the wives of American naval officers who are off on coastal or patrol duty on the Yangtze. On the occasion which I have in mind there are twenty or more of them at two tables.

They have come in a party at the invitation of the management, who has "given" them a supper. The meal being over, they are now paying for it; for, over and over

again the money is placed, the great wheel in the centre is spun, the strained silence follows, and the voice of the Chinese croupier rings out, "Double zero!" Every one has lost!

An old man is lying back in a corner drunk on the whisky which, as a bankrupt player, he has had for the asking. A respectable woman who has lost everything is seated nervously in another, accumulating the courage to face her husband when she goes home to him in a motor-car which will be placed at her disposal "on the house."

Chinese boys in chocolate-coloured aprons are rushing hither and thither with free drinks, free sandwiches, and even free meals if you demand them. Everything, you see, in this mysterious temple of philanthropy is free. You go home with everything but your money.

It is one of Shanghai's dark, of iniquity, at least one of which one can talk and write for here a man and woman has been dragged to the precipice of destruction round roulette tables controlled by a bank that is never broken.

The Wasteful Chit System.
The fact that you run out of ready cash need not deter you. The "house" will supply you with the money; for here, as in the case everywhere else in China, the nefarious chit system prevails, under which, no matter how complete a stranger you may be, you can, with the greatest lack of formality, contract an account running into thousands. Many the wife, then, of an American naval officer—these women are obsessed with a peculiar craze for the game in China—has signed away the salary of her husband long before he has earned it in the vain hope that the Fates will smile upon her before he has returned from his journeyings abroad.

Russian Girls.
I have written only of one type of place of amusement, but in this Paris of the East there are scores. It is a city of cafes and dancing halls and all-night clubs. Go along to the Carlton Hotel, to the Palais de Danse adjoining it, if you are in search of another form of entertainment. Here you will find hundreds of pretty Russian girls, clustered round tables, only too eager to become your dancing partner for the remuneration of less than two shillings a dance.

Russian Exiles.
It is worth ten times what you pay to hear the stories of their experiences since they undertook the hazardous pilgrimage from Moscow to this freedom which they have at long last gained. They are not all by any means ladies of easy ways, for many, though they have long abandoned their titles, come from the highest strata of the former Russian aristocracy, while more than one is known to-day to be supporting her husband's earnings as a down-at-the-heel old man somewhere in the background, a Russian nobleman who is, in fact, her husband.

Finally, you may as a visitor be stirred by the desire to see something of the inside of the Orient. In this case there are people who will take you to the Chinese City or Chapel. It is a short drive in a motor-car from the International Settlement.

Optim.
You reach your destination, prove your identity again, and, having made your way along a series of dark, dank, narrow alleys and small courtyards, you are ushered into a room where mysterious, half-dead figures lie in every corner, and here, almost overcome by the stifling fumes of opium, you take your place with your companions on a curtained divan. If you are an old hand at the business, the little pipe and lamp are handed to you, and you are left to toast the tiny pellet in the smouldering blue flames.

Or, if you are—as I hope—only a casual, inquisitive visitor, you order coffee for two or three, as the case may be, some cigarettes, and then, when you have remained long enough to satisfy your curiosity, you rise and call for the chit.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Yachting: Ladies' 3rd Championship Race.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Hockey: Y.M.C.A. v. Club de Recreo, King's Park, 5 p.m.; University v. Funjalis 2nd XI, 5 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Social and Community Singing at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club and farwell to the Vice-President (the Rev. H. Copley Moyle), 8.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Billiards' Challenge Cup Final, 9 p.m.
H.K. Philharmonic Society present "Merrie England," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "We're In the Navy Now."
World Theatre: "Red Dice."
Star Theatre: "A Hero on Horseback."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Canada, U.S.A., etc. (President Jackson); Europe via Siberia (Sado Maru).

Tuesday.

Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.
Garrison Football League:—R.A.M.C. v. B. Coy., R.O.S.B.; 20th H. Bty. R.A. v. C. Coy., Sookunpo, 4.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Organ Recital by Mr. F. Mason at St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.
After-dinner dance at Lee Gardens.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "We're In the Navy Now."
World Theatre: "Sea Horses."
Star Theatre: "Hogan's Alley."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Diomed), 2.30 p.m.; America, Canada, etc. Europe via Victoria, B.C., and via Siberia (President Pierce), 6 p.m.

Wednesday.

Fanning Hunt: Meet 'Hunters' Arms, 6.30 a.m.
Entries close for Fanning Hunt Steeplechase.
H.K. Art Club Exhibition, Pedder Building (4th Floor), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Cricket League?—Division II: Royal Navy v. Royal Engineers, Invicta Government House, 4 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; H.K. Philharmonic Society present "Merrie England" (mainence), Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m.
Hockey: Club 1st XI v. H.K.S.R.A., U.S.R.C., 4.45 p.m.; Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."
World Theatre: "Sea Horses."
Star Theatre: "Hogan's Alley."
Principal Mails:—Inward: London parcel mail (Kalyan).

Thursday.

H.K. Art Club Exhibition, Pedder Building (4th Floor), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Garrison Football League: H.Q. 2 K.O.S.B. v. H.Q. 1 K.O.S.B.; 12th H. Bty. R.A. v. B. Coy. K.O.S.B., Sookunpo, 4.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Hockey: K.O.S.B. 2nd XI v. Y.M.C.A., King's Park, 5 p.m.
Helena May Institute Concert: "Alice in Wonderland" (Music and Play), 5.30 p.m.
After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Debate at European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, 9 p.m.
H.K. Philharmonic Society present "Merrie England," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."
World Theatre: "Beware of Widows."
Star Theatre: "It's The Old Army Game."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia, etc. (At Maru). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Kalyan), 8.30 a.m.

Friday.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club "A" v. K.O.S.B., King's Park, 5 p.m.; University "B" v. Y.M.C.A. "A."

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SEAMAN'S VIEW OF THE "MAFALDA" DISASTER.

PANIC AMONG PASSENGERS INEVITABLE.

THE BOAT ACCOMMODATION SHORTAGE IN LINERS.

[By CAPTAIN A. G. GOLDSMITH
(late of the British India Steam Navigation Co.)]

If, as can now be presumed, the ill-fated *Princessa Mafalda* broke a tail shaft, thus flooding her engine and boiler rooms, causing one or more of the latter to explode, it is to be feared that the engineers in charge below at the time must have perished at their posts, and therefore full details of the cause of the disaster will never be learned.

The snapping of a propeller shaft at sea is one of the most serious and dangerous accidents that can occur in an engine-room. Luckily, it is a very rare occurrence; but when it does happen, this is what probably follows:

The broken piece of shafting, still attached to the propeller, revolves rapidly whilst lashing wildly about in all directions, and, before the ship can be stopped, the action of the water rushing past the blades draws the broken bit right out of the ship's stern, leaving a huge hole through which the whole shaft tunnel becomes flooded. Worse still; if, in the course of its slashing about, the shaft has broken the walls of the tunnel, one or more of the after holds will rapidly fill, and it remains then for the pumps to save the ship, if they can cope with the situation.

The first intimation the engineers on watch would receive of the accident would be the crash as the propeller shaft parted and the violent racing of the engines suddenly relieved of their load. Their first action would be to shut off steam and close the watertight doors leading into the tunnel shaft, but if they were unable to do so in time the main engine room would be rapidly flooded and the ship doomed whether her boilers exploded or not.

While I have no doubt that the engine-room staff did all that was possible in their power, even at the cost of their lives, the appalling suddenness of such an accident, coupled with the fact that the *Princessa Mafalda* was an old ship and consequently would not be fitted with the modern type of mechanically-controlled watertight doors, must have handicapped them most severely and probably even caused some disorganisation.

In some reports it has been alleged that a panic occurred among the third-class passengers. From personal experience I should consider that in the case of such a disaster a panic must have been inevitable, especially among the immigrants, whose quarters would be situated below decks right aft and over the very heart of the trouble.

That the death roll proved very high was only to be expected, for it has never yet been found practicable to provide adequate life-saving appliances in a ship carrying 1,000 or more passengers and a sufficient complement of trained able seamen to handle them. Stewards, firemen and trimmers, who comprise by far the major portion of a passenger steamship's crew, are not sailors, nor can they be expected to be; while the number of A.B.s on board who can handle boats and rafts is not sufficient, as a rule, to allow one to each boat.

The Human Element.

Of the many devices for the speedy launching of boats when the parent ship has to be abandoned, there is not one—and I fear there never will be—which, in the event of a vessel taking a list to one side or the other whilst settling down, can be operated so as to enable life-boats to be lowered into the water with a 100 per cent. margin of safety.

Again, the difficulty of keeping passengers of every type, age, temperament and class in hand and

getting them to their appointed stations in a quiet, orderly manner is practically insurmountable.

On a fine summer day lifeboat drill is regarded by most passengers as a rather amusing joke; but when the crash comes, generally in the darkness with a heavy sea running, a big element of panic and chaos inevitably occurs.

The sudden ingress of water in case of collision naturally bottles up a certain number of passengers if they are in their cabins on decks below the waterline at the time, drowning them like rats in a cage. Others will retreat to their quarters to rescue some treasured gear or to search for children or friends lost in the crowd on deck; and if the ship takes a sudden list, or a watertight bulkhead carries away under pressure of the incoming water, they, too, may be caught and drowned without the faintest chance of regaining the deck.

Few people who have travelled by sea have ever had the misfortune of being one of the complement of a fully loaded lifeboat. And for this they may be profoundly grateful. Even in a dead smooth sea it is almost impossible to man the oars owing to the crowd.

But by night, in a heavy sea, the situation is one that may well put the sturdiest of heart to the bravest of hearts. The cries of the women and children, the shrieks of the drowning, the rending appeals of those in the water to be taken on board a boat already loaded down to her gunwales, such a scene has often been known to make a nervous wreck for life out of many a survivor. The horrors of shark infested waters add to a scene enough to drive the strongest to a state of dementia. Unfortunately, the tropical belt of the Atlantic is a favourite hunting ground of these monsters, many of which I have seen, in the old sailing ship days while becalmed off the Brazilian coast measuring 15 feet and upwards.

Boats Out of Action.

From all reports, the *Princessa Mafalda* took a heavy list very shortly after her after-holds filled, and she settled deep by the stern. By so doing, I should say, at a conservative estimate, that 40 per cent. of the boats which had not yet up till then been launched would be put out of action.

All the remaining rafts could be launched because it is not necessary to lower them by davits. They can be thrown overboard, but here again it must be remembered that for the average woman or child to clamber out of the water and get aboard one is a task requiring some strength and considerable coolness unless assistance is given by those already on it. And (much as one hates to say so) in a crisis such as this that primitive law, the survival of the fittest, predominates, even among the most cultured of men and women; also the instinctive desire of every man to protect the lives of those nearest and dearest to him.

It is many years now since that appalling sea tragedy, the sinking of R.M.S. *Titanic*, shocked the world. That a ship like her, the latest triumph of the naval architect's handiwork and built in one of Britain's finest shipyards, could have foundered with so terrific a list of casualties seemed incredible.

But it was so, and in the loss of the *Princessa Mafalda* I find further proof of my contention that our finest liners of to-day are licensed to carry passengers far in excess of the number which gives a fair margin of safety for all those on board.

Sink any big mail boat at short notice with her full complement of passengers on board and casualties must ensue.

And there is not a sailor afloat who does not know it.

ARE THERE ANY LETTERS FOR YOU?

UNCLAIMED CORRESPONDENCE, &c., AWAITING AT THE G.P.O.

SATURDAY'S OFFICIAL LIST.

A General Post Office Notification of Saturday gives the following list of unclaimed correspondence, etc., awaiting at the General Post Office:—

Dr. E. A. Aylward, G. Alie, E. Bruner, Miss K. M. Banks, Mr. Jack Blake, Mr. and Mrs. W. Beavis, T. Black, C. Bonavia, Y. Costan, A. G. Corbin (Master Mariner), H. Donaldson, E. Dubrovoy, Mr. E. J. Douglas, Colonel H. S. Eliot, H. M. Epstein, B. Grimm & Co., H. Goodhart, C. F. Garstin, R. H. Hawkins, Th. Heyting, G. E. Houx, E. High (Signaller), Luis Jo', Miss A. James, Canton Villages Mission, Kong Woo (Victoria Hall), A. J. V. Kera, R. F. Lazarus, J. L. Lynam, Mrs. H. Linde, Vander (Salvation Army), M. Littleboy, E. Lawton (Sergeant), Mr. and Mrs. R. Lang, Colvin Lee, G. H. Mansley, Madame S. Masalska, W. M. Luenech, C. Matthews, H. R. Meyer, Mrs. M. Moffatt, Mrs. J. McDonald, E. Mamounakis, Mrs. Nicholson, Helen Duff Cochrane, M. M. Ramos, P. Reader, R. Scaffa, W. Shakespear, Miss E. Stigitz, Charles Trimm, R. Thomson, Mr. B. E. A. Van, Mrs. W. G. Worcester, W. C. Watson, Mess Yanks (News Agent), Messrs. Yanks (News Agent).

Unpaid Correspondence.

R. Bigazzi (H.K. Hotel), John Dowrick, C. Elkus (H.K. Hotel), W. S. Leonard (H.K. Hotel), T. P. Nemia (s.s. *Jadden*), Mrs. J. M. Wright (c/o Am. Consulate).

Registered Articles.

J. Del. C. Aldegnier, F. P. M. Acherson (c/o S.M.O.), G. Apfelbaum, R. Blum, R. Bigazzi (H.K. Hotel), A. E. Chapman (c/o Am. Consulate), E. H. Cherry (Repulse Bay Hotel), C. G. Deacon (Glas. Letter), Mrs. M. B. Draper (c/o Am. Consulate), Mrs. M. Katzinger, Kwok Su, C. Lauritzen, Northern S.S. Co., S. W. K. Popper, Raphael Bros. & Co., L. H. Rawson.

Parcels.

Miss Leung Shi Ying.

JAPAN'S ECONOMIC SITUATION.

PREVAILING DEPRESSION AND UNCERTAINTY.

The Japanese Consulate-General, Hong Kong, has kindly forwarded us the following cabled message from the Foreign Office, Tokyo:—Japan's estimated total Budget for 1928, recently presented by the Financial Authorities, amounted to the enormous sum of ¥1,700,000,000 consisting of ¥1,230,000,000 for an ordinary expenditure and ¥470,000,000 for extraordinary expenditure.

¥1,500,000,000 has been set aside for the development of industries and foreign trade. The Financial Authorities also contemplated floating a loan of ¥199,000,000.

A general depression is prevailing in industrial circles. Owing to the non-readjustment of the various banks which suspended business recently, it is likely that many industrialists will be in financial difficulties at the end of the year.

Foreign trade, during the November quarter, amounted to ¥150,000,000 for exports with ¥15,000,000 excess of exports over imports. The adverse balance of trade amounted to ¥165,000,000 up to the November quarter which, compared with the corresponding period last year, showed a decrease of ¥172,000,000.

The Finance Minister has stated that the prevailing tendency is due to the condition of international finance.

He further declared that the Government has no intention whatsoever of resorting to artificial measures to cope with the present situation, but that it may be obliged to adopt emergency measures in case the depression leads to instability of the market, owing to speculative activities in certain circles.

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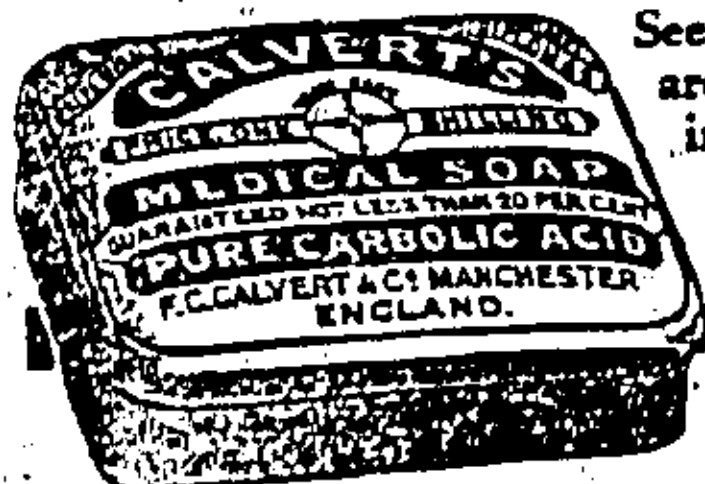
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FRENCH MINISTERS SELF DENIAL.

NO PUBLIC SPEECHES.

Paris, Nov. 15th.

At the request of M. Poincaré, the Premier, all the French Ministers have agreed not to make any public speeches from to-day until the end of the general elections next May. There can thus be no divided expression of opinion.

M. Poincaré will be the only spokesman of the Government; he is expected to make an important political speech in January. It

is noteworthy that M. Tardieu, the Moderate deputy, in a speech at Dijon declared that the continuance of national union was necessary for the safety of the country.

M. Tardieu said:

There will come a time when you will be able to satisfy yourselves with discussions and political strife. But at the moment you must not forget that the country has been saved by political union and by the sacrifice of the various parties which have subordinated their aspirations and ambitions to the urgent need of national safety.

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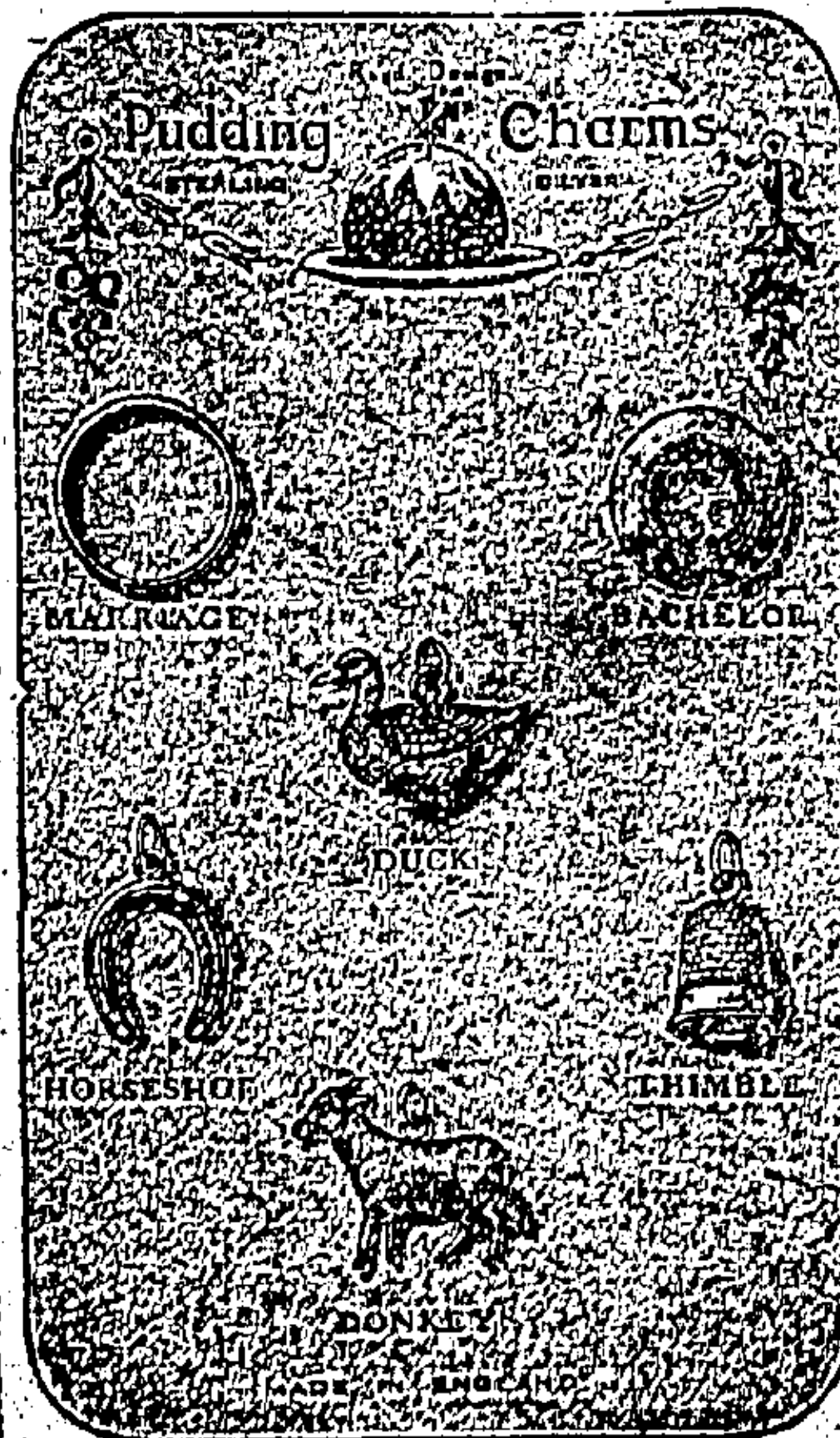
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NURSING SISTERS' PENSIONS. AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS.

The regulations regarding the pensions of Nursing Sisters in the Colony have been amended by the following rules:

Every European matron of a Government hospital, and every European nursing sister, who has served for a period of 10 years and has attained the age of 50 years, or who, irrespective of age, has served for a period of 20 years, may be allowed to retire and may be awarded a pension at the rate of ten-sixtieths of her salary with an addition of one-seventh-hundred-and-twentieth for each month of service in excess of ten years; to the computation at the said rate five-sixtieths of the salary will be added in respect of tropical allowance.

Personal allowances equivalent to salary, shall in the case of every European matron and every European nursing sister, who is entitled to free quarters, with other privileges (if any), be computed at the sum of £50 a year or at one-sixth of the pay reckoned in the computation of her pension, whichever sum is greater.

Every nurse whose case does not come within these provisions but who, being eligible for a pension, has served for a period of 15 years or upwards may be allowed to retire on attaining the age of 50 years and may be awarded a pension at the rate of eighteen-sixtieths of her salary with an addition of one-seventh-hundred-and-twentieth for each month of service in excess of fifteen years.

The grant of pension to matrons, nursing sisters and nurses who have attained the age of 55 years or who retire before reaching the age of 55, on the ground of ill-health will be dealt with under the above clauses.

CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING CO., LTD.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., was held in London on December 6th, when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended June 30th, 1927, were submitted.

Extract From Directors' Report.

The net result of the year's transactions shows a balance to the credit of profit and loss account of £400,939 made up as follows:—

Proportion of Kailan Mining Administration's profits plus interest of China £350,088
Interest in Europe 15,360
Agency fees 6,000
Sundries 147
Balance brought forward (less sundry items) 240,100

£611,704

DEDUCT.

Expenses in Europe £15,775
Directors' fees 4,200
Exchange 36,658
Income tax 84,132
Interim div. paid 6/5/27 70,000

210,765

Leaving a net balance of £400,939

which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:—
Final dividend of 10 per cent. (free of income tax) £140,000
Directors' percentage 4,492
Balance carried forward 256,447

£400,939

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 6th.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.59
Amsterdam	12.071
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.621
Helsingfors	1031
Lisbon	2.7/16
Bucharest	785
Buenos Aires	47.7/8
Shanghai	2/11
Yokohama	1/10.19/32
New York	4/6.11/16
Geneva	25.27
Milan	90
Stockholm	18.09
Oslo	18.341
Prague	1644
Madrid	29.521
Athens	3671
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/6.1/10
Hong Kong	2/0.3/8
Silver (spot)	261
Silver (forward)	20.9/16

"WHY MERRIE?" THE CLUBMAN EXPLAINS.

The sun slipped behind the Peak, and I slipped out of the Office and made my unflinching way to the Club Bar.

The "Clubman" had beaten the sun by about six fingers, and was looking for a target at whom to discharge his spirituous projectiles of vituperation. I joined him without a murmur (I have long learned it is no use kicking).

"I see that the Hong Kong Philharmonic are producing 'Merrie England,' a comic opera by Edward German. A cursory glance at a preliminary 'puff' in the paper I have before me, shows it to be in an Elizabethan setting. Tell me, why is the epithet 'Merrie' always used in connection with this period?"

When "The Clubman" says "Tell me" he means "I'll tell you" so I waited patiently. "All the historical accounts of the Queen at this time," he continued, holding up two fingers to the barman, "show her to have been rather an unsightly individual. She had a beard and ginger hair, and her teeth were so decayed, owing to her insatiable appetite for sweetmeats, that the odour of her breath made conversation with her extremely objectionable and necessitated the use of strong perfumes amongst those whose daily round brought them into contact with her. I cannot suppose that this state of affairs rendered England any 'merrier' than it is to-day."

"I agree with you entirely," I murmured, as he paused to drink. "I hope the producer of the H.K.P.S. will not try to reproduce the exact state of affairs at the court of Queen Elizabeth."

"That is unlikely," he snapped (he dislikes interference). "One had also to remember that the age of the Puritan was rapidly approaching, and its shadow was already casting a gloom over the social life of the nation. I always feel that a Puritan is extremely difficult to cultivate. Agreed?"

"I gulped. 'But surely you will admit that an age which produced such literary giants as Shakespeare, Jonson—'

"Have Bernard Shaw, Thomas Hardy, or Dean Inge brightened the particular suburb that you have come from?" he demanded fiercely. "millions of people have not even read the works of our greatest writers, how many people in Elizabeth's time could have read the current literature, even if they had wanted to? Tell me (I subsidised). You will next draw my attention to Drake, Froisher, and the lights of the seagoing fraternity, and you will say that surely with such men about, the nation would have been roaring with laughter. (I moaned). What about Scott, Sengrave, and our intrepid 'bird-men,' and yet we are not known as 'Merrie England' now."

"Why, then, do men look back on this insatiable period as 'The Good Old Days of Merrie England'—tell me?—Because man delights to dress himself up—he is vain as a peacock, he pictures his forbears strutting about in doublet and hose (or is it hose?), in one perpetual fancy dress, and the sighs because, unless he is a Bishop, a Mason, or a high official, he cannot wear bright colours and gold chains—all is vanity."

I left him, and went out to book my seats for "Merrie England."

BANK NOTES IN CIRCULATION.

OFFICIAL RETURNS FOR NOVEMBER.

Returns of the Average Amount of Bank Notes in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hong Kong, during the month ended November 30th, 1927, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are as follow:—

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank	\$15,170,034	\$5,500,000*
Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank	45,254,133	34,000,000†
Mercantile Bank	1,870,643	\$80,000‡
Total	\$62,301,480	\$40,380,000

* In addition Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £1,567,000.

† In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at £3,287,202.

‡ In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £180,000.

NEW RAILWAY REGULATIONS.

AMENDMENTS TO PRESENT ORDINANCE.

PROPOSALS BEFORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

An Ordinance to amend the Railways Ordinance of 1909 will be introduced at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

The "Objects and Reasons" of the measure state:

The drafting of certain new Railway rules, has shown the desirability of making certain alterations in the Railways Ordinance, 1909, Ordinance No. 21 of 1909. This Ordinance proposes to make those alterations, and some others, but it is not a general revision of the principal Ordinance.

"Administration" is defined in the principal Ordinance as "the manager or such other person as the Governor may appoint to conduct the affairs of any railway." As this is a person it is considered that the word "administrator" is more suitable, especially as the word "administration" is also used in the principal Ordinance as an abstract noun.

The definition of the term railway is extended to cover railways in process of construction and works connected with railways authorized to be constructed.

The powers of the administrator are defined, collected and extended. These powers will include a power to make rules subject to the approval of the Governor in Council. As the rules will be very detailed and voluminous, and will deal solely with railway administration, it is not considered necessary that they should be gazetted. The administrator shall keep at each station a copy of the rules in English and Chinese and shall allow any such copy to be inspected at all reasonable hours.

The new Ordinance provides for the procedure upon an appeal to the Governor against the imposition of a penalty by the manager. The old Ordinance provides that the manager may not impose any penalty on any railway employee which would exceed the amount of seven days pay in any one month. This might be insufficient. The new form of the action will not contain this limitation, but it will provide that, for the purpose of the recovery of the penalty, not more than seven days pay may be deducted in any one month, except upon the termination of the person's employment.

With one slight exception, the remaining sections of this Ordinance provide for increases of the penalties provided in the principal Ordinance. This seems to be too low in many cases. To take two examples at random, \$100 seems too low a maximum for the offence of wilfully imitating a railway signal, and \$20 seems too low a maximum for attempts to defraud the railway.

CHARGE AGAINST A CANADIAN.

DATES OF MAGISTERIAL HEARING FIXED.

Richard Charles Williams, alias Charles Puig, alias Charles Stone, the Canadian, who is charged on three charges of forgery, and false pretences again appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning.

It will be remembered that defendant was extradited from Chile and brought to the Colony on the *Fushimi Maru*.

Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Leo d'Almada, senior, was for the defence.

His Worship decided to hear the case on Thursday next, December 15th, at 11 a.m., and, if unfinished on Thursday, again on the following Thursday at 11.30 a.m.

Mr. d'Almada:—Will your Worship direct that the prosecution permit me to see the papers with regard to the extradition of this man?

Mr. Lindell:—I don't think the prosecution has the papers.

Mr. Hugh-Jones:—They are with the Chilean authorities.

Mr. Lindell:—I am not directly concerned as to how defendant came before the Court. I will make a note, if you like, when the case comes on.

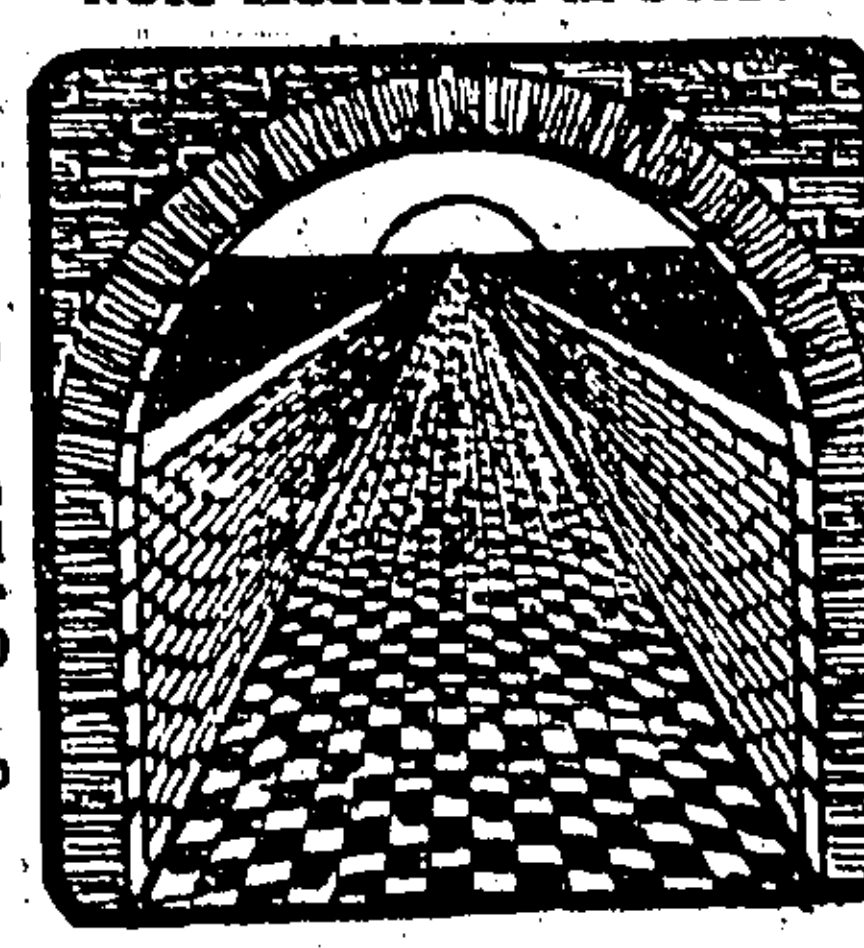
Mr. d'Almada then made an application to his Worship to the effect that the money found on the defendant, as well as an article of jewellery, a stone called the "cat's eye," be handed over to him.

The Magistrate ordered that the money and the jewellery be handed over to Mr. d'Almada.

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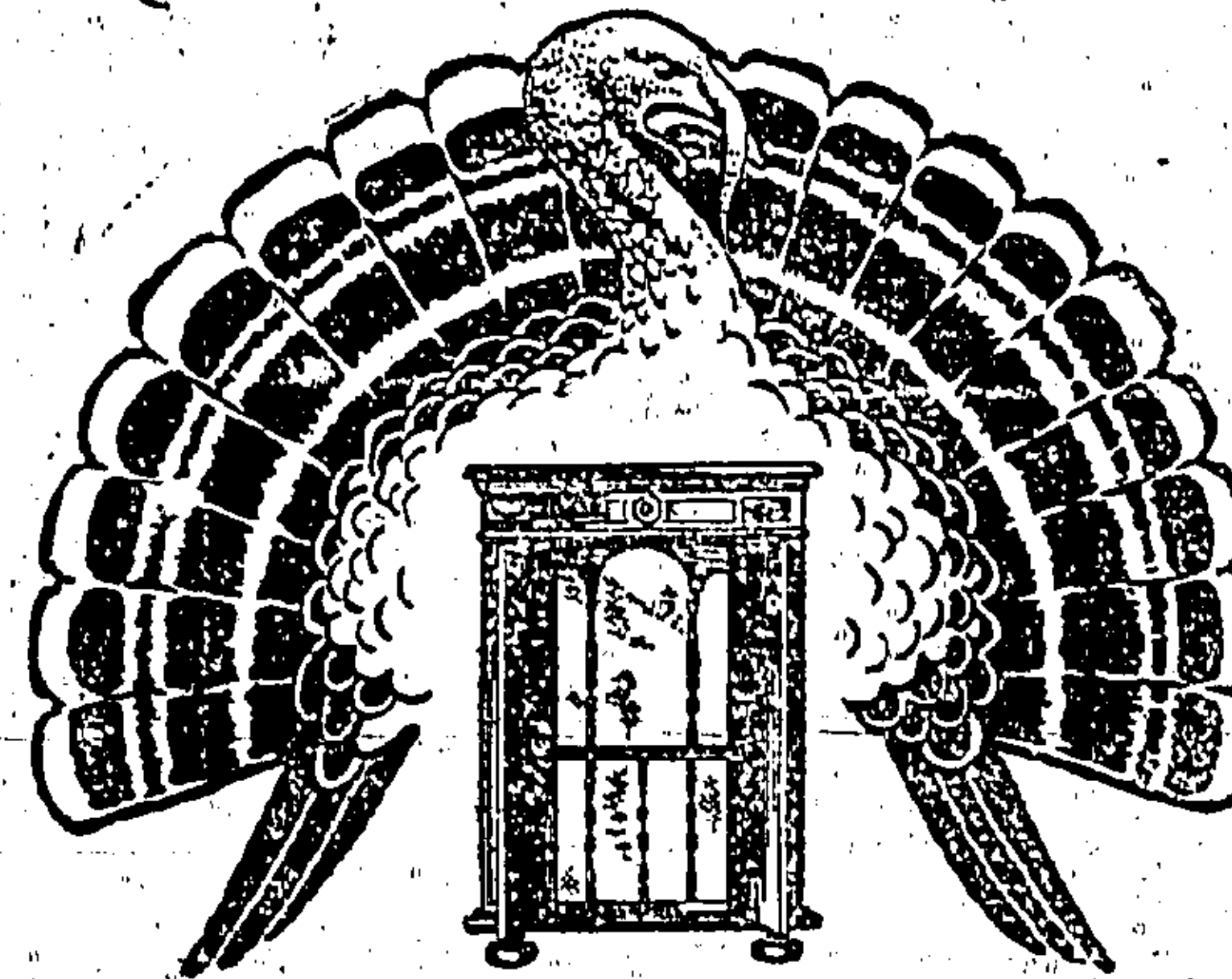
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CANTON SEIZED BY THE "REDS."

FIRES AND SERIOUS CASUALTIES REPORTED.

RAIL AND RIVER COMMUNICATION WITH HONG KONG SUSPENDED.

STRIKE OF THE SEAMEN'S UNION.

"SAI ON" BROUGHT FROM CANTON BY BRITISH BLUEJACKETS.

Fighting broke out yesterday in Canton and reports to hand state that very heavy casualties occurred in the course of the struggle which was especially fierce along the Bund. The cause of the outbreak was an attempt by General Wong Kie Cheung to disarm the forces under General Mok Hung. The latter refused to obey an order to move his troops to a certain part of the City and General Wong ordered their disarmament. Fighting at once started and the upshot is as yet unknown.

It appears that General Mok's troops were recently recruited and contained a large proportion of the brigand element. They were suspected of favouring the Kwangsi section, headed by General Li Tsai Hsin, who are at any time expected to make a bid to regain control of Kwangtung and its capital. The struggle started at Shau Kau Ling, the Eastern suburb of Canton, early yesterday morning, and as far as can be gathered the trouble spread to the disorderly elements, a strike being called by the Seamen's Union. Fires have broken out in various parts of the city and there are reports of extensive damage being done.

A strike of the seamen against the present Government and in favour of the Kwangsi section seems almost unbelievable. Only a short while ago, General Li Tsai Hsin was proscribing their union and arresting the leaders. The present regime, from which much was expected by the disturbers of the peace, has, however, proved just as determined to maintain order and assert its own authority, thus inspiring disappointment and then hatred among the self-appointed labour leaders and others who thought to have put the Government in their pockets.

RAILWAY AND STEAMBOAT SERVICES SUSPENDED.

The S. O. S. express from Canton did not leave yesterday morning. The first train from Kowloon to Canton set out as usual, but turned back after reaching Namkong. The driver heard firing and he prudently stopped and the train arrived back at Kowloon at about 5 p.m.

The river steamer service has also been suspended. The *Taitien* did not sail from Canton last night but is expected this afternoon. The only ship to leave Canton yesterday was the *Sai On*. Her Chinese crew went on strike, forced out it was said by Seamen's Union pickets, but she was brought down, crowded with passengers, by British naval ratings.

The Chinese s.s. *Tai On* sailed for Canton last night—the only ship to do so—and she was crowded, many would-be passengers having to be turned away. The s.s. *Kwangtung* which was to have sailed last night at 10 p.m. asked all her passengers to land as her departure had been indefinitely postponed. The s.s. *Heng Chong* which arrived at Macao on Saturday brought a large number of passengers and a good deal of heavy luggage. Those on board were probably people who had had a warning that trouble might be expected.

THE "SAI ON" ARRIVES.

The *Sai On* arrived shortly after midnight from Canton with more than 2,000 passengers. British bluejackets manned the vessel.

"REDS" IN CONTROL ON NORTH SIDE OF RIVER.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The "Reds" in Canton effected a successful coup yesterday against the Government. The workmen on the North side of the River joining the rebels in large numbers.

All police stations are now in the hands of the "Reds." Russian activity is suspected and the Soviet Consulate is said to have been the headquarters of the "Reds."

CENTRAL BANK OF CHINA DESTROYED.

The situation is regarded as very serious, many buildings being destroyed, among them the premises of the Central Bank of China. Fires and looting started early yesterday.

General Chang Fat Fui and General Chu Fai Yat are both aboard the gunboat *Kong Tai*.

Things were quieter on the South side of the River where the "Reds" found very few supporters from the working class.

ORDER TO DISARM RESISTED.

Suspecting that the newly recruited troops of General Mok Hung would not be faithful to the Kwangtung cause, General Wong Kie Cheung ordered them to be disarmed and disbanded, and on their refusal to obey a struggle started at Shau Kau Ling, Eastern Suburb, in Canton, early yesterday morning and up to yesterday afternoon, the issue had not been decided.

General Mok Hung formerly served under General Hsu Chung Chi, when he was commander-in-chief of the Cantonese Army. Since the coup d'état of November 17th General Wong Kie Cheung has been enlisting support from every available source, and General Mok was invited to participate in the coming struggle against the Kwangsi Clique. Many of General Mok's men were bandits recruited from the district around Bias Bay and other parts of Wafay and Waichow.

Fires And A Strike. Several fires broke out in Canton City yesterday, and it was said that there were labour troubles as well as a mutiny among certain units of the troops in Canton.

No Trains.

Owing to fighting near Canton City, both the incoming and outgoing Canton-Kowloon express trains yesterday were interrupted. The morning express from Canton did not start, while the one leaving Kowloon for Canton had to turn back upon reaching Namkong.

WILL CHIANG KAI SHEK RETURN?

DEPENDS ON RESULT OF KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI STRUGGLE.

ATTACK EXPECTED FROM SWATOW.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

On the surface Canton is quiet but a good deal of troop movement is going on. The headquarters of General Li Tsai Hsin still remain unmolested by the present regime, and the staff of the 4th Army Corps is nominally functioning as usual. Their work must be nil, for the troops (the 4th Army Corps) have turned over to the new regime and General Li has been formally removed from all offices in Canton. However, his military headquarters remain a staff without an army.

The quarrel is now a triangular affair among the West Hill, the Kwangtung, and the Kwangsi sections of the Kuomintang. Its chief effect to date is to enhance the opportunity of General Chiang Kai Shek to return to the leadership of the Nationalist campaign against the militarists of the North. Mr. T. Y. Soong, now, of course, a brother-in-law of General Chiang, has been quietly working in the interest of his sister's husband, acting as a go-between among the quarrelling factions, and trying to get some sort of union with Chiang Kai Shek as Commander-in-Chief. If he succeeds in setting up a new Kuomintang government Mr. Soong will probably return to his old position of Minister of Finance.

On the other hand it is regarded as almost impossible to reconcile the Kwangsi clique, led by Generals Pei Tsung Hsi, Li Chung Jen, Li Tsai Hsin, and Wong Shiu Hung, to the return of Chiang to power. As soon as they are ready, the Kwangsi leaders are expected to launch their attack on Kwangtung, and if this is successful Chiang's return to power will be frustrated. Canton has always been a point without which there can be no reunification of either the Kuomintang or the Republic of China. The next ten days will be critical for during them a decision should be reached in Kwangtung. If the fortune of war favours Kwangtung the Special Commission of the Kuomintang in Nanking will have to go and General Chiang will reappear as the head of two factions—for a time.

The Kwangsi clique have made Swatow the base of operations against Kwangtung and Canton with Wuchow also likely to play an important part.

LATEST NEWS.

REDS SUPPLIED WITH ARMS.

NORTH AND SOUTH OF CITY AT WAR.

Up to yesterday afternoon, the North side of Canton was "Red," all workmen taking part in the fight wearing red arm bands after being given a rifle or some other weapon. The workmen in Honam, the South side of Canton, were still "white."

Banks Looted.

Practically all the native banks in Sup Sam Hong, Canton, have been looted.

Officials In Flight.

Several Canton officials arrived at Hong Kong by the s.s. *Sai On* last night, including Mr. Lee Chang Tat, Commissioner of Civil Affairs, and General Fung Chi Kie, Chief of Staff to General Chu Fai Yat.

It is understood that the Canton "Reds" were dissatisfied with the action of the Kuomintang leaders in Shanghai and Canton.

The object of the "Reds" seems to simply create disturbance for the time being, no one believes that they will be able to form a "Soviet" Government in Canton.

Wang Ching Wei's Warning. A report says that Mr. Wang Ching Wei wired to Canton several days ago warning the Government to guard against the "Reds" and to watch the Russian Consulate, but the Canton Authorities did not take action in time, having decided to wait a day or two before taking action.

THE CURRENCY IN CANTON.

EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN ITS VALUE.

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT REVENUE PAYMENTS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The financial troubles of the Bank of Central China in Canton are by no means over. Recently the Bank was paying out coin in exchange for notes, but this is being discouraged though not absolutely stopped. Every shop with a capital of over \$100 will have to pay seven per cent. towards a sinking fund. The Government has promised eight per cent. on all money raised in this manner. It hopes by these drastic measures to reduce the notes in circulation by several hundred million dollars. The General Chamber of Commerce has been asked to be a joint trustee, with the Central Bank and the Financial Bureau of this fund.

The Kwangtung Bureau of Finance is doing everything it can to bring in all outstanding revenue and is offering tempting discount for prompt payment. Since December 1st over \$1,750,000 has been collected and it is hoped that about \$8,000,000 will be brought in before the end of the month. The revenue will be greatly reduced by the defection of Swatow.

Canton notes were being privately exchanged in Canton at 92 last Saturday, while they were accepted at their face value as legal tender, the merchants having readjusted their prices to meet the fluctuation of the paper money.

The landlords in Canton City during the first five days of December contributed nearly \$500,000 towards the war chest of the Kuomintang by order of the Authorities. Policemen went from door to door with the tax collectors to urge people to pay in early and for doing so they were allowed 10 per cent. discount.

Passenger launches and trade junks plying between Canton City and neighbouring ports are hesitating to enter Canton Harbour these days owing to the requisitioning by the military of junks and also steam launches for towing service. Many junks now filled with troops are unable to leave port for lack of towing facilities and the authorities are fully on the look out for launches.

The Canton Art Club, or Chek Sha, which has just finished holding a successful exhibition in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at Canton, will show the same exhibits at Hong Kong during Chinese New Year, most likely at the Canton Christian College Primary School at Happy Valley. Many members of the club paint in the Western style having been students at American universities and art schools. Among the exhibitors is a Hong Kong boy, Mr. Lee Y. Tong, a brother of Alfred Lee of the Chinese Office of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company. Mr. Louis Leung, a well known artist and teacher of drawing in Canton is also showing his work.

Young people in Canton are taking up dancing very keenly and every evening, the Hotel Asia, Western Hotel, and South Garden, along the Bund, have after-dinner dances. The South Garden is especially catering for the dancing enthusiasts.

Among recent visitors to Canton was Mrs. H. C. Mei, president of the National Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association, who lives in Shanghai, where her husband is a lawyer. Mrs. Mei is a graduate of Columbia University and a sister of Mrs. Peter Hing of Canton. Mrs. Mei paid a visit to the Canton Y.W.C.A. which is one of the first branches to have its own grounds and buildings. Recently the Canton Y.W.C.A. inaugurated an industrial school for girls, and Mrs. Mei formally declared it open.

Mr. T. T. Lee, managing-director of the Yueh-Han Railway, until he was dismissed several weeks ago on charges of corruption, will be released from jail to-day, provided that his fine of \$50,000 (reduced from \$100,000) is paid. Mr. Lee denies strenuously that he has been so rich as a result of having held office. He declares that after several years in the services of his party he is now worth only \$15,000 in cash and \$25,000 in other assets.

PIRACY PLAN THWARTED?

SUSPICIOUS ENQUIRIES ON S.S. "TUNG ON."

CAPTAIN'S PROMPT PRECAUTIONS.

Piracy rumours spread quickly from the waterfront throughout the Chinese districts last Saturday evening. Fortunately, it was no more than a scare but there were plenty of grounds for supposing that something was very wrong up river.

The story, as it was first heard in Hong Kong, was that the s.s. *Tung On*, a river steamer belonging to the Tung On Steamship Co., of Connaught Road Central and run by them between Hong Kong and Canton, had been pirated while on the way from Canton to this port.

The rumours increased when it became known that a message had been shown at the cinema recalling all ratings of H.M.S. *Seraph*, one of the destroyers now on the Station, to their ship. The *Seraph* was ready to leave up river, but it was found that no piracy had taken place and she did not sail. Unquestionably, however, it was only the prompt action of the Captain of the *Tung On* and his officers and the loyalty of the Chinese crew that prevented a piracy, as there seems no doubt that one was planned.

By nine o'clock on Saturday evening there was considerable excitement along the waterfront and a crowd of Chinese around the Wing Lok Street wharf were awaiting the arrival of the *Lungshan* (one of the Steamboat Company's night boats), and another crowd were awaiting the arrival of the *Tung On*, at this steamer's wharf.

The first message received here at 5.45 p.m. was from the Master of the *Lungshan*, Capt. G. H. Madden to the effect that he had received a message from the Captain of the *Tung On* that he had reason to think that an attempt to pirate the *Tung On* was being made off Sampanchau, and the vessel would be in this area at about 7 p.m.

By the time the *Lungshan* berthed at Wing Lok Street on Saturday night Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds, Detective Inspector Lane, Sub-Inspector Carey, and other members of the detective force were awaiting her. It was not until a *Daily Press* representative, in company with other pressmen and the police saw Captain Madden that it was definitely ascertained that no piracy had taken place.

The *Lungshan* is a faster boat than the *Tung On*, and had left Canton earlier, thus being ahead of the *Tung On* on the way down. Captain Madden said that a message: "Expect to be pirated off Sampanchau" was received from the *Tung On* at 5.8 p.m.

In Touch With The Naval Authorities.

At once Captain Madden got in touch with the Naval Authorities at Hong Kong, and from them on until 9.45 p.m., half an hour before her berth, the *Lungshan*, by means of her wireless, kept in constant touch with both the Naval authorities here (on H.M.S. *Hawkins*, flagship of the China Station) and with the *Tung On*.

The *Tung On* came into port about 11 p.m., and when the master was interviewed by a *Daily Press* reporter he said that just before four o'clock that afternoon he was given certain information which led him to see the Senior Naval Officer at Canton. It was agreed that the Indian guard on board would be absolutely useless, but that to avoid trouble an escort would be necessary. It was found, however, that no ship was available for this purpose, and the next best course was adopted, of keeping in constant communication with Hong Kong and Canton, while on the way down.

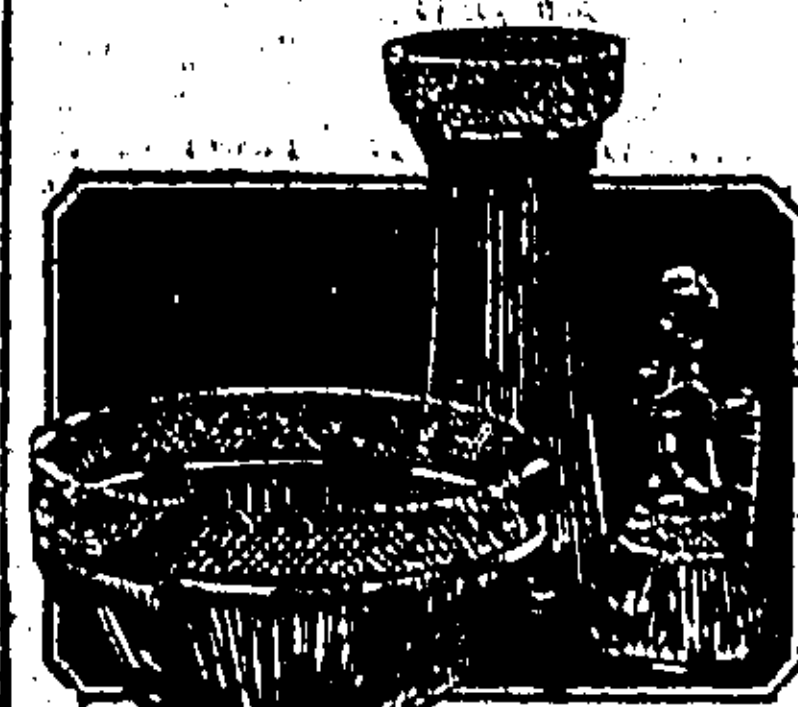
It appears that a Chinese, dressed in a long coat, came on board the *Tung On* just before the steamer left Canton. This man seems to have gone to one of the members of the crew and invited him to come to a tea-house with him. The seaman refused, but the stranger put a number of questions with regard to the general lay of the boat, engine room and "wires over the bridge," etc. He was told that the "wires over the bridge" were to keep in touch with other ships and land, but the man questioned declared he knew nothing about the engine room.

When this conversation was reported to the Captain of the *Tung On* he at once took all precautions possible, such as the locking of the grilles, etc.

Quite Convinced.

The Captain of the *Tung On* expressed a firm opinion that there was something in the story, and he had no doubt a piracy had been planned. He considered Sampanchau to be the most likely place (about half way between here and Canton) for he did not believe the pirates would have taken much notice of the *Bocca Tigris* Fort. Later, however, Capt. Madden changed his mind on this point and said that he thought that the proximity of the forts would have deterred the pirates from attacking near Sampanchau.

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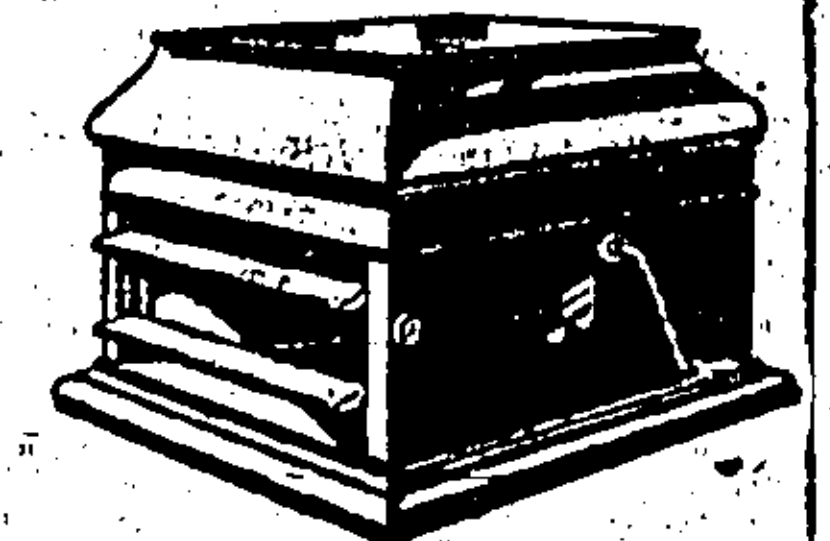
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have deterred the pirates from attacking near Sampanchau.

Special searching of passengers leaving the *Tung On* was carried out by the police, but no arrests were made, so far as is known.

Among the passengers travelling down on the *Tung On* was Mr. Ng Ewok Ying, Chief of Detective Bureau at Canton Police Headquarters. He stated that he heard nothing of the intended piracy.

H.M.S. "MOORHEN" TO INVESTIGATE.

SEQUEL TO ATTACK ON S.S. "WAISHING."

H.M.S. *Moorehen*, one of the British gunboats on the West River, has been ordered to Amherst Point to investigate the firing on the Indo-China steamer *Waishing* by an armed launch last Thursday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNITED SERVICES RECREATION CLUB.

OWING to unforeseen circumstances the Entertainment Committee regret to postpone the FANCY DRESS DANCE arranged for the 23rd DECEMBER, 1927. [5619]

COPLEY MOYLE PRESENTATION FUND.

THE Subscription List for the above Fund will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, 16th Inst. The Presentation will be made at a Reception to be held in the CATHEDRAL HALL on THURSDAY, 29th Inst. from 5 to 8 p.m. B. C. BLAKE, Hon. Treasurer. [5633]

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of THE ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB, will be held in the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 1927, at 5.30 p.m. To receive from the Committee a Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1927. To discuss and if thought fit, to pass a Resolution authorising the Committee to charge a Subscription, not exceeding \$2 a Month, to Ladies using the Golf Course and Club Houses. To elect Officers, Members of the Committee, and an Auditor for the ensuing year. To decide on any Resolution which may be submitted to the Secretary Four Days prior to the Meeting. Any Other Business. By Order of the Committee. E. D. MATTHEWS, Lieut. Col., Secretary. Hong Kong, 10th December, 1927.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

FROM FIRST JANUARY, 1928, the Registered Office of the above Club will be in YORK BUILDING (4th Floor), CHATER ROAD, HONG KONG. By Order of the Committee. E. D. MATTHEWS, Secretary. Hong Kong, 8th Dec. 1927. [5611]

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the DECEMBER MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, the 24th DECEMBER, 1927 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained from Dr. F. PIERCE GROVE, The Polo Club, Horse Kow Club and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES. Entries CLOSE Before NOON, WEDNESDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1927. [5624]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 5/NS 13017 dated Hong Kong, 7th SEPTEMBER, 1927, for Ten Shares of this Bank numbered 56180/56191 in the Name of Mr. ARNOLD RUSSELL RIVETT has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 22nd DECEMBER, 1927, a New Certificate for the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/NS 13017 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 22nd November, 1927. [5656]

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

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ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

6th JANUARY, 1928.

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DEATH.

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into a complex situation and if it were more generally adopted and half a dozen others could be persuaded to follow Mr. Wang's patriotic example there might be some hope for the future. China has not many politicians, it is true, but although few in numbers they possess a remarkable facility for creating trouble. Their attempts to force a Government on the country through the resolutions and proclamations passed by their self-appointed Committees has proved a dismal failure and if they could all be persuaded to accept moderate pensions to enable them "to continue their studies abroad," or, better still, if they would, as we have previously suggested, ally themselves individually with the various established regimes in the different provinces and take part in the work of provincial administration there would, we imagine, soon be a slackening of military activity and a very much better chance of the re-establishment of peace and order. The political organisation known as the Kuomintang may have started with the highest ideals, but in spite of the noise it makes and the belief still fondly cherished abroad that it speaks on behalf of the whole country, it has not carried the great mass of the people with it. The Nationalist movement, as interpreted by the Kuomintang and the student class, is either dying or dead, and the possibility of any Government of far-reaching influence being established under its banner is much more remote now than it was three or four years ago. The people themselves are sick to death of the constant dissensions. Even the militarists, we believe, would now welcome a peaceful interlude and might be relied upon to establish some rough and ready *modus vivendi* if left to themselves. But the Kuomintang with its claims to Government control, its frequent meetings and

interminable discussions, simply adds fuel to the fire. It is a hot-bed of intrigue into which the militarists are drawn and the sooner it ceases to function in its present form the better for every one concerned.

These are a few of the reasons why we would commend Mr. Wang Ching Wei's offer to retire, but quite frankly we have very little hope that he will follow the word with the deed. Nor would his withdrawal from the stage accomplish much unless his political friends and opponents agreed to accompany him. As matters stand at present the Kuomintang, as represented by the committee in Nanking, considers its authority to have been flouted by the coup recently accomplished in Canton. Therefore all manner of intrigues are in progress and there is talk of nothing but further fighting. The present Canton authorities, expecting attack, are casting round for support from any and every quarter and their obvious anxiety is probably to some extent responsible for the rumours that they are again willing to accept any assistance which the "Reds" may be able to give them. If the Nanking Government did not claim to be the Government of China, and confined its interest to the territory directly under its own control these complications would not arise. Moreover, the re-organisation of the government which was decided upon at a meeting over which CHIANG KAI SHEK presided a day or two ago will not appreciably improve the position. Sooner or later the simple truth will have to be recognised that the country is not in a position to accept any form of centralised government. That may come in a few years time when there is more cohesion and a closer affinity between the provinces, but meanwhile strong provincial governments are all that is required and if they were free to carry on without interference from the Kuomintang the Chinese puzzle would be in a fair way towards solution.

The name of Mr. Arthur Mylo has been added to the list of authorised architects in Hong Kong.

An Organ Recital will be given in St. John's Cathedral to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, at 5.45, by Mr. Frederick Mason.—ADVT.

The annual exhibition of the Hong Kong Art Club will be held in Pedder Buildings, 4th floor, on Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the entertainment committee of the United Services Recreation Club regret that they have to postpone the fancy dress dance arranged for December 23rd.

Mr. J. P. Braga's election as a member of the Sanitary Board as from December 8th is announced in the current Government Gazette. Mr. Braga was the only candidate nominated for the vacancy.

A fairly large haul of arms, ammunition and dynamite was made on board a trading junk, No. 496, in the harbour on Friday. The exact quantity has not been divulged by the authorities, but the matter has been arrested for being in unlawful possession of the munitions.

While a party of British Marines, who are returning home by the *Manx* after service in the North, were doing a trip by motor car around the New Territories on Friday the car in which they were travelling knocked down a coolie who ran out from a verandah near Mongkok Police Station. The man died in the Kowloon Hospital on Saturday morning.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone is central to the S. of Korea. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

Local Forecast: N.E. winds, moderate, cloudy.

THE WOUNDED POLICE.

SERGT. McMAHON'S SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

CHINESE CONSTABLE STILL CRITICALLY ILL.

Dr. Valentine of the Government Civil Hospital was able last night to make a much more satisfactory report on the condition of Police Sergt. Thomas McMahon who was dangerously wounded early Wednesday morning by Chinese gunmen.

"Sergt. McMahon is definitely better," the doctor said, "and though he is by no means out of danger we have every hope of his recovery. He was able to sit up a little while to-day and read the paper."

"The Chinese Constable C.66 is still holding on but his condition is very serious, indeed and his recovery uncertain."

"The other constable 445 is making satisfactory progress and we have every hope of his recovery."

"The Indian constable and the prisoner are making quite normal progress."

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS START.

There was a sequel to the shooting affray of last Wednesday on Saturday morning, when at the Central Magistracy, Chai Chi Chien, one of the two men arrested after the shooting and wounding of Sergt. McMahon, two Chinese constables and an Indian and the killing of another Chinese constable on search duty at the Yau-mati Wharf, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell charged with armed robbery at the Mee Sun Cafe, No. 130, Queen's Road West, at 1.30 a.m. last Wednesday, and, further, with the shooting of Chinese detective Liu Tung, with intent to kill. There was also a charge preferred against defendant of attacking the police with intention to resist, and a final charge of being in unlawful possession of a revolver.

A remand of one week was granted.

GOVERNMENT HOLIDAYS IN 1928.

THE OFFICIAL LIST.

The following public and general holidays will be observed as Government holidays in 1928:—
January 2nd, Monday.—The first week day in January.
January 23rd, Monday.—Chinese New Year.
January 24th, Tuesday.—Chinese New Year.
April 6th, Good Friday.
April 7th, Saturday.
April 7th, Easter Sunday.
May 24th, Thursday.—Empire Day.
May 25th, Friday.—Whit Monday.
June 3rd, Sunday.—The King's Birthday.
July 2nd, Monday.—First week-day in July.
August 8th, Monday.—First Monday in August.
October 8th, Monday.—Second Monday in October.
November 12th, Monday.—Day following Armistice Day.
December 25th, Tuesday.—Christmas Day.
December 26th, Wednesday.

GODOWN FIRE AT WEST POINT.

SEVERE DAMAGE TO GENERAL CARGO.

YESTERDAY MORNING'S CALL.

Considerable damage to general cargo stored in a godown in the western district was done by a fire which broke out early yesterday morning.

The godown affected was in Sai On Lane, Des Voux Road West, near the Tai Ping Theatre.

Central received the call at 1.27 a.m. and despatched two appliances, Kennedy Town responding with one appliance. The outbreak threatening to be of a serious nature, a home call was sent for more assistance from Central and Wanchai and two more appliances were soon on the scene and in action.

The fire was extinguished after nearly an hour's work. Severe damage was done to the cargo in the godown, though the value of the damaged goods has not yet been estimated, but there were no casualties.

DUE ON WEDNESDAY.

PASSENGERS ON THE "KALYAN."

Passengers due to arrive from Home on the P. & O. s.s. *Kalyan* on Wednesday include:—Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Evans and infant, Mrs. I. Hooper and two children, Mrs. and Mrs. R. P. Hamby, Surg. Lieut. A. E. Phillips, Mrs. G. H. Stewart and infant, Mrs. Thompson and two infants.

SERVICES WEDDING.

MISS NANCY BALDWIN AND LIEUT. J. DE B. WAILES, R.N.

There was a large congregation including many Army and Navy officers at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday for the wedding of Miss Nancy Sophie Margaret Baldwin, of Maer Vale House, Exmouth, Devonshire, daughter of the late Major A. C. Baldwin, 90th Punjab, Indian Army, to Lieut. John de Butts Wailes, R.N., attached R.A.F. Base, Kai Tak, son of Col. W. E. Wailes, R.A.

The bride was given away by Col. V. Coates, of the 5/2 Punjab, and her bridesmaids were Miss Luard and Miss Elizabeth Hayley-Bell. Captain E. S. Bingham of the Queen's Regiment was "best man" and the Rev. H. E. Copley Moyle officiated.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at Headquarters House.

Presents.

Among the presents received were the following:—

H.E. and Lady Clementi, lacquer box and tray; General and Mrs. Luard, picture; Sir H. Gollan, hors d'oeuvres forks; Sir J. Kemp, silver cruet set; R.A.F. Mess, Kai Tak, silver clock; H.Q. R.A.F. China, silver clock; 442 Flight, silver cigarette case; Officers, 3/2nd Punjab, silver salver; Col. and Mrs. Hayley-Bell, silver tea spoons; H. P. and A. H. White, silver vases; Mr. and Mrs. Shields, cut-glass sweet dish; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, silver ash tray; Mr. and Mrs. Cook, tea cloth; Col. and Mrs. Bird, silver coffee spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cameron, butter knife; F. T. Claxton, Ming vase (period Emperor Li); Col. and Mrs. Mathews, cut-glass decanter; Col. and Mrs. Cardew, jade bird; Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, silver vase; Major and Mrs. Miles and Miss Scott, embroidered luncheon set; Mr. and Mrs. King, cut-glass jam jar; Mr. and Mrs. Shenton, set of Devon spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Raworth, Satsuma vase; Major Stewart, R.A.M.C., cloisonne vase; Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, nutcrackers; Major and Mrs. Carrington-Sykes, luncheon set; T. D. E. Pendered, silver sweet dishes; Major and Mrs. Hogg, cushion; Major and Mrs. Lynch, enamel shingle comb and brush; Capt. and Mrs. Hunt, coffee cups; Capt. and Mrs. Charles, tea service; Comdr. and Mrs. Figgins, cocktail shaker and glasses; Capt. Bingham, Swatow tankards; Miss Luard, embroidered jewel case; Mr. and Mrs. Wynne Jones, lacquer writing set; Mr. and Mrs. Mayes, blackwood tables; Mr. and Mrs. Hopes, glass and silver jam jar; Dr. and Mrs. Koch, tea cloth; Dr. and Mrs. Minette, silver jar; Dr. and Mrs. Shillstear, tea tray; Mr. and Mrs. Owen-Hughes, cruet set; Capt. Moffatt, lacquer coffee set; T. A. Mr. Weall, napkin rings; Mr. and Mrs. Weall, powder bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Seymour-Taylor, china bowl; Dr. and Mrs. Smalley, silver tea strainer; Col. and Mrs. Robinson, tray with Mandarin coat panel; Lieut. Reid and Farquharson, cloisonne box; Miss Lacey, china bowl.

Cheques from Col. V. Coates, Major Smith, Col. Wailes, Mrs. W. E. Wailes, Mrs. F. Wailes, Mrs. H. Wailes, Mrs. F. G. Wailes, Mrs. N. Wailes, Mrs. Lewis Baumer, Mrs. Bingham, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Waterfield, Mrs. Gibbons and Col. Denham.

OBITUARY.

MRS. LO CHEUNG SHIU.

WELL-KNOWN CHINESE LADY.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mrs. Lo Cheung Shiu, the wife of Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu, a former compradore to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Mrs. Lo passed away on Saturday morning at her residence, No. 20, Conduit Road.

Her husband, Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu, is a well known and respected member of the Chinese community. He is a Justice of the Peace of many years standing, and a member of the District Watchmen's Committee, and of the Permanent Advisory Committee to the Tung Wah Hospital.

Mrs. Lo, who had been an invalid for about ten years, and was 53 years of age when she passed away, leaves four sons and five daughters, including Mr. M. K. Lo (whose wife is a daughter of Sir Robert Ho Tung), Mr. M. W. Lo and Mr. Horace Lo (all of the firm of Messrs. Lo and Co., Solicitors), Mr. M. H. Lo (assistant compradore to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.), and Miss Enid Lo, a well-known local tennis player.

The funeral takes place to-day, the cortege leaving No. 20, Conduit Road at 2.30 p.m., and making a halt at the University Cricket Ground, from whence it will leave at 4.30 p.m. for Mount Davis Cemetery.

CANTON SEIZED BY THE "REDS."

FIRES AND SERIOUS CASUALTIES REPORTED.

RAIL AND RIVER COMMUNICATION WITH HONG KONG SUSPENDED.

STRIKE OF THE SEAMEN'S UNION.

"SAI ON" BROUGHT FROM CANTON BY BRITISH BLUEJACKETS.

Fighting broke out yesterday in Canton and reports to hand state that very heavy casualties occurred in the course of the struggle which was especially fierce along the Bund. The cause of the outbreak was an attempt by General Wong Kie Cheung to disarm the forces under General Mok Hung. The latter refused to obey an order to move his troops to a certain part of the City and General Wong ordered their disarmament. Fighting at once started and the upshot is as yet unknown.

It appears that General Mok's troops were recently recruited and contained a large proportion of the brigand element. They were suspected of favouring the Kwangsi section, headed by General Li Tsai Hsin, who are at any time expected to make a bid to regain control of Kwangtung and its capital. The struggle started at Shau Kau Ling, the Eastern suburb of Canton, early yesterday morning, and as far as can be gathered the trouble spread to the disorderly elements, a strike being called by the Seamen's Union. Fires have broken out in various parts of the city and there are reports of extensive damage being done.

A strike of the seamen against the present Government and in favour of the Kwangsi section seems almost unbelievable. Only a short while ago General Li Tsai Hsin was proscribing their union and arresting the leaders. The present regime, from which much was expected by the disturbers of the peace, has, however, proved just as determined to maintain order and assert its own authority, thus inspiring disappointment and then hatred among the self-appointed labour leaders and others who thought to have put the Government in their pockets.

RAILWAY AND STEAMBOAT SERVICES SUSPENDED.

The 8.05 express from Canton did not leave yesterday morning. The first train from Kowloon to Canton set out as usual, but turned back after reaching Namkong. The driver heard firing and he prudently stopped and the train arrived back at Kowloon at about 5 p.m.

The river steamer service has also been suspended. The *Tai Shan* did not sail from Canton last night but is expected this afternoon. The only ship to leave Canton yesterday was the *Sai On*. Her Chinese crew went on strike, forced out it was said by Seamen's Union pickets, but she was brought down, crowded with passengers, by British naval ratings.

The Chinese s.s. *Fai On* sailed for Canton last night—the only ship to do so—and she was crowded, many would-be passengers having to be turned away. The s.s. *Kwangtung* which was to have sailed last night at 10 p.m. asked all her passengers to land as her departure had been indefinitely postponed. The s.s. *Heng Chung* which arrived at Macao on Saturday brought a large number of passengers and a good deal of heavy luggage. Those on board were probably people who had had a warning that trouble might be expected.

THE "SAI ON" ARRIVES.

The *Sai On* arrived shortly after midnight from Canton with more than 2,000 passengers. British bluejackets manned the vessel.

"REDS" IN CONTROL ON NORTH SIDE OF RIVER.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The "Reds" in Canton effected a successful coup yesterday against the Government. The workmen on the North side of the River joining the rebels in large numbers.

All police stations are now in the hands of the "Reds." Russian activity is suspected and the Soviet Consulate is said to have been the headquarters of the "Reds."

CENTRAL BANK OF CHINA DESTROYED.

The situation is regarded as very serious, many buildings being destroyed, among them the premises of the Central Bank of China. Fires and looting started early yesterday.

General Chang Fat Fai and General Chu Fai Yat are both aboard the gunboat *Kong Tai*.

Things were quieter on the South side of the River where the "Reds" found very few supporters from the working class.

ORDER TO DISARM RESISTED.

Suspecting that the newly recruited troops of General Mok Hung would not be faithful to the Kwangtung cause, General Wong Kie Cheung ordered them to be disarmed and disbanded, and on their refusal to obey a struggle started at Shau Kau Ling, Eastern Suburb, in Canton, early yesterday morning and up to yesterday afternoon, the issue had not been decided.

General Mok Hung formerly served under General Hau Chung Chi, when he was commander-in-chief of the Cantonese Army. Since the coup d'état of November 17th General Wong Kie Cheung has been enlisting support from every available source, and General Mok was invited to participate in the coming struggle against the Kwangsi Clique. Many of General Mok's men were bandits recruited from the district around Bia Bay and other parts of Waiklo and Waichow.

Fires And A Strike.

Several fires broke out in Canton City yesterday, and it was said that there were labour troubles as well as a mutiny among certain units of the troops in Canton.

No Trains.

Owing to fighting near Canton City, both the incoming and outgoing Canton-Kowloon express trains yesterday were interrupted. The morning express from Canton did not start, while the one leaving Kowloon for Canton had to turn back upon reaching Namkong.

WILL CHIANG KAI SHEK RETURN?

DEPENDS ON RESULT OF KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI STRUGGLE.

ATTACK EXPECTED FROM SWATOW.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

On the surface Canton is quiet but a good deal of troop movement is going on. The headquarters of General Li Tsai Hsin still remain unmolested by the present regime, and the staff of the 4th Army Corps is nominally functioning as usual. Their work must be nil, for the troops (the 4th Army Corps) have turned over to the new regime and General Li has been formally removed from all offices in Canton. However, his military headquarters remain a staff without an army.

The quarrel is now a triangular affair among the West Hill, the Kwangtung, and the Kwangsi sections of the Kuomintang. Its chief effect to date is to enhance the opportunity of General Chiang Kai Shek to return to the leadership of the Nationalist campaign against the militarists of the North. Mr. T. Y. Soong, now, of course, a brother-in-law of General Chiang, has been quietly working in the interest of his sister's husband, acting as a go-between among the quarrelling factions and trying to get some sort of union with Chiang Kai Shek as Commander-in-Chief. If he succeeds in setting up a new Kuomintang government Mr. Soong will probably return to his old position of Minister of Finance.

On the other hand it is regarded as almost impossible to reconcile the Kwangsi clique, led by Generals Pei Tating-Hai, Li Chung Jen, Li Tsai Hsin, and Wong Shiu Hung, to the return of Chiang to power. As soon as they are ready, the Kwangsi leaders are expected to launch their attack on Kwangtung, and if this is successful Chiang's return to power will be frustrated.

Canton has always been a point without which there can be no reunification of either the Kuomintang or the Republic of China. The next ten days will be critical for during them a decision should be reached in Kwangtung. If the fortune of war favours Kwangtung the Special Commission of the Kuomintang in Nanking will have to go and General Chiang will reappear as the head of two factions—for a time.

The Kwangsi clique have made Swatow the base of operations against Kwangtung and Canton with Wuchow also likely to play an important part.

LATEST NEWS.

REDS SUPPLIED WITH ARMS.

NORTH AND SOUTH OF CITY AT WAR.

Up to yesterday afternoon, the North side of Canton was "Red," all workmen taking part in the fight wearing red arm bands after being given a rifle or some other weapon.

The workmen in Honam, the South side of Canton, were still "white."

Banks Looted.

Practically all the native banks in Sup Sam Hong, Canton, have been looted.

Officials In Flight.

Several Canton officials arrive at Hong Kong by the s.s. *Sai On* last night, including Mr. Lee Chang Tat, Commissioner of Civil Affairs, and General Fung Chi Kie, Chief of Staff to General Chu Fai Yat.

It is understood that the Canton "Reds" were dissatisfied with the action of the Kuomintang leaders in Shanghai and Canton.

The object of the "Reds" seems to simply create disturbance for the time being, no one believes that they will be able to form a "Soviet" Government in Canton.

Wang Ching Wei's Warning.

A report says that Mr. Wang Ching Wei wired to Canton several days ago warning the Government to guard against the "Reds" and to watch the Russian Consulate, but the Canton Authorities did not take action in time, having decided to wait a day or two before taking action.

THE CURRENCY IN CANTON.

EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN ITS VALUE.

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT REVENUE PAYMENTS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The financial troubles of the Bank of Central China in Canton are by no means over. Recently the Bank was paying out coin in exchange for notes, but this is being discouraged though not absolutely stopped. Every shop with a capital of over \$100 will have to pay seven per cent. towards a sinking fund. The Government has promised eight per cent. on all money raised in this manner. It hopes by these drastic measures to reduce the notes in circulation by several hundred million dollars. The General Chamber of Commerce has been asked to be a joint trustee, with the Central Bank and the Financial Bureau of this fund.

The Kwangtung Bureau of Finance is doing everything it can to bring in all outstanding revenue and is offering a tempting discount for prompt payment. Since December 1st over \$1,750,000 has been collected and it is hoped that about \$8,000,000 will be brought in before the end of the month. The revenue will be greatly reduced by the defection of Swatow.

Canton notes were being privately exchanged in Canton at 92 last Saturday, while they were accepted at their face value as legal tender, the merchants having readjusted their prices to meet the fluctuation of the paper money.

The landlords in Canton City during the first five days of December contributed nearly \$800,000 towards the war chest of the Kuomintang by order of the Authorities. Policemen went from door to door with the tax collectors to urge people to pay in "early" and for doing so they were allowed 10 per cent. discount.

Passenger launches and trade junks plying between Canton City and neighbouring ports are hesitating to enter Canton Harbour these days owing to the requisitioning by the military of junks and also steam launches for towing service. Many junks now filled with troops are unable to leave port for lack of towing facilities and the authorities are fully on the look out for launches.

The Canton Art Club, or Chek Sha, which has just finished holding a successful exhibition in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at Canton, will show the same exhibits at Hong Kong during Chinese New Year, most likely at the Canton Christian College's Primary School at Happy Valley. Many members of the club paint in the Western style having been students at American universities and art schools. Among the exhibitors is a Hong Kong boy, Mr. Lee Y. Tung, a brother of Alfred Lee of the Chinese Office of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company. Mr. Louis Leung, a well known artist and teacher of drawing in Canton is also showing his work.

Young people in Canton are taking up dancing very keenly and every evening, the Hotel Asia, Western Hotel, and South Garden, along the Bund, have after-dinner dances. The South Garden is specially catering for the dancing enthusiasts.

Among recent visitors to Canton was Mrs. H. C. Mei, president of the National Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association, who lives in Shanghai, where her husband is a lawyer. Mrs. Mei is a graduate of Columbia University and a sister of Mrs. Peter Hing of Canton. Mrs. Mei paid a visit to the Canton Y.W.C.A. which is one of the first branches to have its own grounds and buildings. Recently the Canton Y.W.C.A. inaugurated an industrial school for girls, and Mrs. Mei formally declared it open.

Mr. T. T. Lee, managing-director of the Yueh-Han Railway, until he was dismissed several weeks ago on charges of corruption, will be released from jail to-day, provided that his fine of \$30,000 (reduced from \$100,000) is paid. Mr. Lee denies strenuously that he has become rich as a result of having held office. He declares that after several years in the services of his party he is now worth only \$15,000 in cash and \$25,000 in other assets.

PIRACY PLAN THWARTED?

SUSPICIOUS ENQUIRIES ON S.S. "TUNG ON."

CAPTAIN'S PROMPT PRECAUTIONS.

Piracy rumours spread quickly from the waterfront throughout the Chinese districts last Saturday evening. Fortunately, it was no more than a scare but there were plenty of grounds for supposing that something was very wrong up river.

The story, as it was first heard in Hong Kong, was that the s.s. *Tung On*, a river steamer belonging to the Tung On Steamship Co., of Connaught Road Central and run by them between Hong Kong and Canton, had been pirated while on the way from Canton to this port.

The rumours increased when it became known that a message had been shown at the cinema recalling all ratings of H.M.S. *Seraph*, one of the destroyers now on the Station, to their ship. The *Seraph* was ready to leave up river, but it was found that no piracy had taken place and she did not sail.

Unquestionably, however, it was only the prompt action of the Captain of the *Tung On* and his officers and the loyalty of the Chinese crew that prevented a piracy, as there seems no doubt that one was planned.

By nine o'clock on Saturday evening there was considerable excitement along the waterfront and a crowd of Chinese around the Wing Lok Street wharf were awaiting the arrival of the *Lungshan* (one of the Steamboat Company's night boats) and another crowd were awaiting the arrival of the *Tung On*, at this steamer's wharf.

The first message, received here at 5.45 p.m. was from the Master of the *Lungshan*, Capt. G. H. Madden to the effect that he had received a message from the Captain of the *Tung On* that he had reason to think that an attempt to pirate the *Tung On* was to be made off Sampanchau, and the vessel would be in this area at about 7 p.m.

By the time the *Lungshan* berthed at Wing Lok Street on Saturday night Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds, Detective Inspector Lane, Sub-Inspector Carey, and other members of the detective force, were awaiting her. It was not until a *Daily Press* representative, in company with other pressmen and the police saw Captain Madden that it was definitely ascertained that no piracy had taken place.

The *Lungshan* is a faster boat than the *Tung On*, and had left Canton earlier, thus being ahead of the *Tung On* on the way down. Captain Madden said that a message: "Expect to be picked off Sampanchau" was received from the *Tung On* at 5.8 p.m.

In Touch With The Naval Authorities.

At once Captain Madden got in touch with the Naval Authorities at Hong Kong, and from them on until 9.45 p.m., half an hour before her berth, the *Lungshan*, by means of her wireless, kept in constant touch with both the Naval authorities here (on H.M.S. *Hawkins*, flagship of the China Station) and with the *Tung On*.

The *Tung On* came into port about 11 p.m., and when the master was interviewed by a *Daily Press* reporter he said that just before four o'clock that afternoon he was given certain information which led him to see the Senior Naval Officer at Canton. It was agreed that the Indian guard on board would be absolutely useless, but that to avoid trouble an escort would be necessary. It was found, however, that no ship was available for this purpose, and the next best course was adopted, of keeping in constant communication with Hong Kong and Canton, while on the way down.

It appears that a Chinese, dressed in a long coat, came on board the *Tung On* just before the steamer left Canton. This man seems to have gone to one of the members of the crew and invited him to come to a tea-house with him. The seaman refused, but the stranger put a number of questions with regard to the general layout of the boat, engine room and wires over the bridge, etc. He was told that the "wires over the bridge" were to keep in touch with other ships and land, but the man he questioned declared he knew nothing about the engine room.

When this conversation was reported to the Captain of the *Tung On* he at once took all precautions possible, such as the locking of the grilles, etc.

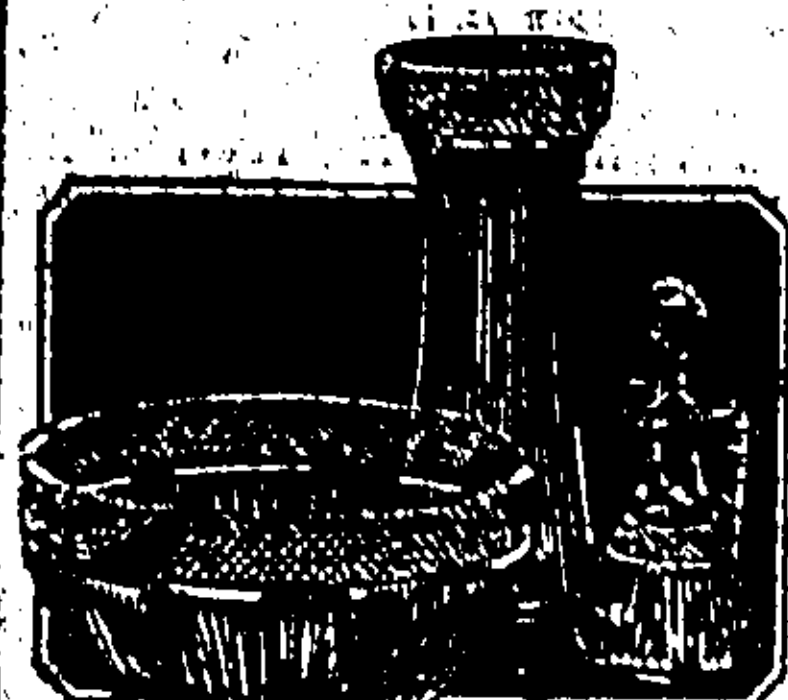
Quite Convinced.

The Captain of the *Tung On* expressed a firm opinion that there was something in the story, and he had no doubt a piracy had been planned. He considered Sampanchau to be the most likely place (about half way between here and Canton) for he did not believe the pirates would have taken much notice of the *Boca Tigris* Fort.

Later, however, Capt. Madden changed his mind on this point and said that he thought that the proximity of the fort would have deterred the pirates from attacking near Sampanchau.

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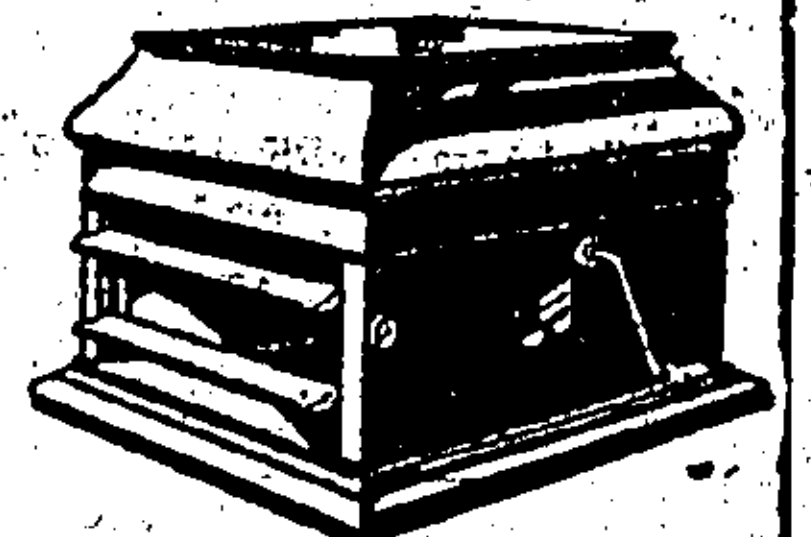
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"THE BOOKSHOP" CHATER ROAD.

haved deterred the pirates from attacking near Sampanchau.

Special searching of passengers leaving the *Tung On* was carried out by the police, but no arrests were made, so far as is known.

Among the passengers travelling down on the *Tung On* was Mr. Ng Kwok Ying, Chief of Detective Bureau at Canton Police Headquarters. He stated that he heard nothing of the intended piracy.

H.M.S. "MOORHEN" TO INVESTIGATE.

SEQUEL TO ATTACK ON S.S. "WAISHING."

H.M.S. *Moorehen*, one of the British gunboats on the West River, has been ordered to Amherst Point to investigate the firing on the Indo-Chinese steamer *Waishing* by an armed launch last Thursday.

CHIANG KAI SHEK ASKED TO RESUME FORMER POST.**WANG CHING WEI REPORTED WILLING TO BE ECLIPSED.****SEVERE FIGHTING IN SOUTH-WESTERN SHANTUNG.**

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek is considering the offer made to him by influential Kuomintang leaders to resume his former post.

Mr. Wang Ching Wei is reported to have declared himself willing to withdraw if such action should be regarded as good for the Kuomintang Party.

Severe fighting is reported from South-West Shantung.

KUOMINTANG CONFERENCE.**CHIANG KAI SHEK PRESIDES TO BE RE-ORGANISED.**

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9th.

The fourth plenary session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang was held yesterday, Chiang Kai Shek acting as Chairman.

Among other resolutions was one to the effect that the Nationalist Government should be re-organised and that suitable arrangements should be made for further sessions to be held at Nanking on a date to be fixed later.

Northern Cruiser.

A Northern cruiser is reported to have been seen cruising off the river mouth during the last 48 hours.

The explosion reported yesterday appears to have been entirely accidental.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 11th.

Twenty-seven members were present at yesterday's meeting at Chiang Kai Shek's residence, but Li Chai Sum, Li Tsung Jen, Sun Fo and Wu Tsz Wei were notable absentees. Yu Yu Jen was chairman.

Wang Ching Wei urged Chiang Kai Shek to resume the Generalissimo and carry out the anti-northern expedition this resolution was unanimously adopted.

Chiang Kai Shek said that he would carefully consider the proposition.

The meeting then elected Chiang Kai Shek to make preparations for the fourth plenary conference at Nanking. It was agreed to re-organise the Military Council.

DEFIANT YUNNANESE GENERAL.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pau.)

The Hunan Military authorities have ordered General Fan Shek Seng, a Yunnanese general, to withdraw his forces from Panchow and other districts in Southern Hunan. General Fan has defied the order.

THE AMERICAN LOAN TO JAPAN.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pau.)

According to a leading Shanghai Chinese paper, the American Government has decided not to authorise the big loan proposed to be issued by American bankers to Japan, in view of the fact that this loan will lead to Japan's economic and political encroachment of Manchuria.

General Ho Ying Ching's army will be responsible to impose a firm grip on Haichow while Feng's army will keep a strong defence at Tachow.

There is severe fighting at many points between Haichow and Taining, in south-western Shantung.

THE NAVIES IN CHINA.**GOOD WORK IN FACE OF "TREMENDOUS PROVOCATION AND INSULT."****NANKING OUTRAGE RECALLED.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11th.

The Secretary of the Navy, in his annual report, states:—

The protection of Americans in China had been most difficult and required the greatest tact, patience and calm judgment in the face of tremendous provocation and insult. The principal clash had occurred at Nanking on March 24th, when it cannot be doubted that an attack on foreigners had been premeditated and carefully planned by organised troops. Similarly, there was no doubt that the prompt and energetic action of the British and American fleets prevented a wholesale massacre of foreigners.

WAR AVERTED.**POLAND AND LITHUANIA SIGN AGREEMENT.****A DRAMATIC MEETING.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Dec. 11th.

Fears that a last-minute hitch would prevent the Polish-Lithuanian Agreement were banished at a special meeting of the council held at 10.45 o'clock to-night, to which members were suddenly summoned—many from dinner parties.

Premier Zaleski announced: "On behalf of Poland I accept the Agreement."

President Valdemarus then rose and said: "On behalf of Lithuania I accept the Agreement."

The proceedings lasted 15 minutes and adjourned amid congratulations and handshakings.

Sir A. Chamberlain, interviewed earlier said that Russia must be congratulated in connection with the Agreement, as it was understood that M. Litvinoff had used his influence to emphasise that the state of war between Poland and Lithuania must be terminated.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

Poland Grateful To France.

The *Matin's* Geneva correspondent reports that in an interview, Pilsudski said that they had done good work and that France had helped in the settlement of the Polish-Lithuanian conflict. All were friends, and peace was best, thanks to M. Briand.

Councillors In Motley.

A curious sight, unprecedented in the League's history, was witnessed when in response to a sudden summons, councillors rushed to the Secretariat. Some were clad in evening dress while others were specially attired for a local carnival.

The proceedings were the briefest on record.

[Earlier telegrams on this subject are printed on page 2.]

FRENCH AVIATOR KILLED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 10th.

Corbu, one of the pilots of the *Bluebird*, unsuccessful attempt to cross the Atlantic, while testing a machine crashed and was killed near Le Bourget.

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL FOR LINDBERGH.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11th.

The House of Representatives welcomed Colonel Lindbergh, and after he had departed, voted in favour of bestowing upon him the Congressional Medal.

BELFAST'S BIG SENSATION.**POLICE DISCOVER AN "ARSENAL."****AMAZING QUANTITY OF MUNITIONS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BELFAST, Dec. 11th.

A sensation has been created by the biggest seizure of munitions ever made in Belfast. The Police, after searching for two days, entered a vacant house in Whitelock Road and found rifles, revolvers, bayonets, machine-gun, an enormous quantity of explosives, including bombs and 15,000 rounds of rifle ammunition.

The contents of this arsenal were removed in three lorries. It is reported that the house is a central dump of the I.R.A. No arrests have been made.

THE SYNTHESISING OF RUBBER.**"CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS" REPORTED.****WHOLESALE UTILISATION "UNLIKELY."**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, Dec. 11th.

Considerable progress with regard to the synthesising of rubber was reported at a meeting of the directors of the Dye Trust, but wholesale utilisation is unlikely in the near future.

The meeting decided to recommend the issue of 250,000,000 marks of debentures to benefit the new products.

NEW CABLES.**LONDON, INDIA AND THE FAR EAST.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 11th.

The Eastern Telegraph cableship *Colonia* left the Thames to lay two new cables between Alexandria and Port Said, which will connect the new underground lines that are being laid between Port Said and Suez. The completed scheme will enable the regenerator to be worked between London, India and further East.

THE NEW JERSEY MURDER TRIAL.**PRISONERS SENTENCED.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MAYS LANDING, New Jersey, Dec. 10th.

Beach and Mrs. Lillendahl have been sentenced to ten years imprisonment with hard labour.

[A telegram, dated Mays Landing, New Jersey, December 8th, stated:—A verdict of manslaughter was brought in at the trial of Willis Beach and Mrs. Margaret Lillendahl, who are accused of the murder of the latter's husband, Dr. Lillendahl, shot while motor-cycling with his wife on September 15th.

The wife swore that two negroes carried out the murder.

The jury, the foreman of whom was a woman, considered their verdict for 23 hours.

The sentence was deferred until December 10th, on the plea of the woman's counsel that new evidence had been discovered.

Application will be made for a new trial.

The conviction is mainly owing to the changed testimony of a witness who at first was unable to identify the man who saw running away from the scene of the murder, but, later, swore that it was Beach.]

"THE GREATEST LAWSUIT IN HISTORY."**U.S. RAILWAY VALUATION.****ENORMOUS SUM INVOLVED.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11th.

A Special Court of three Federal judges sustained the ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission of St. Louis of the Allon Railway Case, whereby the valuation of the railway property should be on the basis of prudent investment instead of on the cost of the building and railways to-day.

The case of this nine-mile coal railway, which affects the valuation of all railways in the United States, has been called the "greatest law suit in history" because of the immense sum involved.

The commission's counsel said that the difference between the valuation of the nation's railways on the basis advocated by the railways and the basis adopted by the commission was at least eleven billion dollars.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11th.

There was heavy selling of railway shares on the New York Stock Exchange, stocks declining one to three points, due to the announcement from St. Louis that the Allon appeal had been denied.

FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.**WHAT THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE HOPES.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11th.

Miss Jane Adams, on behalf of a deputation of the Women's International League of Peace Freedom, at the White House, announced to President Coolidge that the League hoped that the negotiations with France for a treaty would "outlaw" a Franco-American War and begin shortly after the return of Mr. Myron Herrick from France.

GREYHOUND RACING.**SPECTACULAR SCENE AT WEMBLEY STADIUM.****THE HARE CAUGHT.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 11th.

A huge semi-circle of gold with dogs in blue, red and green coats, black shadows thrown behind them, hailing themselves after an electric flare and surrounded by a crowd of 70,000, plunged into dramatic darkness, rising to their feet, shouting and waving programmes.

This was the picture at Wembley Stadium's inauguration of greyhound racing in what remains of the desolate buildings of the exhibition ground illuminated by the glare of searchlight and lamps turned on between the races, the latter named after parts of the Empire. Once a dog overtakes a hare and stopped bewildered, while the South African Stakes were marred by wholesale fighting.

The Greyhound Racing Association announces that an agreement has been signed for the lease of the White City Stadium under which the Association can race greyhounds for ten years.

SIR RONALD GRAHAM.**VISITING SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN AT GENEVA.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSY, Dec. 10th.

Sir Ronald Graham, British Ambassador at Rome, is visiting Sir Austen Chamberlain at Geneva to-day. Sir Ronald has not seen the British Foreign Secretary for over a year and the latter's presence in Geneva offers a favourable opportunity for discussion of questions on which the Ambassador has intimate knowledge.

U.S. NAVAL POLICY.**STATEMENT BY THE "FIRST LORD."****NO COMPETITION.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 9th.

"The Americans, so far as we can make out, are going in for their full naval programme," said Mr. W. C. Bridgeman in a speech at Welshpool.

He added, "I do not dispute that they are building for their own defence. We have no reason to alter our plans. We do not intend to enter into building competition with any country if we can possibly help it."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSY, Dec. 9th.

Mr. Bridgeman, referring to the United States navy proposal in a speech last night, said "I do not blame the Americans in the least. They are a great and rich country and are perfectly entitled to build whatever battleships they care for their own defence. We, in order to show our sincerity in what we proposed at Geneva, have knocked off two cruisers. The Americans so far as we can make out are going in for their full programme. I do not dispute that they are building for their own defence. Therefore we have no reason to complain. We have no reason to alter our own plans because of that. We do not intend to enter into building competition with any other country if we can possibly help it. Do not let us watch with jealous eyes every battleship which is planned but let us maintain our desire for peace and our firm determination not to build anything more than is required for our own defence. We have now reduced our navy to as low strength as is compatible with our safety."

Elevation Question.

When the question of increasing elevation of turret guns in the United States battleships, *Oklahoma* and *Nebraska* was considered in the House of Representatives at Washington yesterday, it was decided to make financial provision for such alterations if they were found to be in consonance with terms of the Washington Treaty. In connection with this question it is recalled that the British Government, in 1923, made an earnest appeal "That the Government of the United States should not impose upon the peoples of the countries concerned the burden of competition in armament which is deemed to result from execution of the proposal to elevate turret guns on retained capital ships of the United States; it being considered that even if arguments can be found in support of the contrary, interpretation of the Treaty having the effect of carrying out such proposals would be incompatible with its intentions."

Admiral To Explain Accusations?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10th.

In the House of Representatives, Senator Butler, the chairman of the Naval Committee, announced that the Committee had proposed to summon Rear-Admiral Magruder, former commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, before it for the purpose of investigating the allegations of the Navy Department's inefficiency.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

The Navy's Personnel.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10th.

The Secretary of the Navy, in his annual report, laying stress upon the multitudinous duties of the Navy, says that the personnel had been so reduced that one ship could not be commissioned till another had been dry-docked, a process that was seriously affecting the Fleet's efficiency.

U.S. AND MEXICO.**SERIOUS CHARGES.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10th.

The Senate has ordered an immediate investigation by a special committee of the Senate into the charges published that Mexico paid three United States Senators \$1,200,000.

Senator Reed, who submitted the resolution, declared "As long as these charges remain in print (undoubtedly) the integrity of every Senator is attacked."

CAPTAIN LALOR.**STILL HELD CAPTIVE.****NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSY, Dec. 10th.

A letter received from Captain W. G. Lalor, master of the s.s. *Siang Tan*, says that he was wounded in the leg in the course of the attack on his ship. He is now being kept in close confinement on a bandit sampan.

Mr. Forbes Tocher has offered to meet the bandits again to-day, but they are demanding increased ransom.

General Yang Sen is co-operating in the search for Captain Lalor; and, in addition to employing a special detective, has instructed General Wang, at Shasi, to assist. British gunboats are keeping in touch with Mr. Tocher, and General Yang Sen's troops are endeavouring to get into contact with the bandits.

Captain Lalor is confined in a sampan, in a creek off the upper Yangtze.

Negotiations are proceeding slowly, according to a Naval Wireless message, owing to a demand by the bandits for an increase in the ransom of \$20,000.

Mr. Tocher offered to meet the pirates and discuss matters with them on Saturday.

Later News.

Another Naval Wireless message, dated Friday, and received during the week-end here, states that Mr. Tocher is now near Shasi, but has not yet found Captain Lalor.

Two British gunboats are within easy reach of Mr. Tocher, who is keeping communication open.

General Yang Sen is reported to have telegraphed his subordinate General Wang, at Shasi, and the latter's troops are now said to be trying to establish contact with the bandits.

He is also in communication with Mr. Tocher and hopes to effect the release of Captain Lalor very soon.

The bandits' agents have suggested that Mr. Tocher goes to the creek to discuss the ransom, but this has been considered unsafe. Mr. Tocher intimated that he was willing to meet the bandits' delegation on neutral ground on Saturday and discuss terms.

He has guaranteed the remaining \$20,000 on the condition that Captain Lalor is produced without further delay and restored to freedom.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Mrs. Lalor Interviewed.

LONDON, Dec. 11th.

In a quiet little flat, in Auckland Road, Southsea, a pale, anxious-faced woman half-dressed, half-welcomes every knock at the door. She is Mrs. Lalor who married the missing captain on the day he sailed for China.

Interviewed yesterday, she remarked: "I am prepared to go to China whenever my husband wants me. I don't think that will be till he is out of danger."

THINK INDUSTRIALLY.**SIR H. BOWDEN ON THE WAY TO NATIONAL WELL-BEING.**

"It is beginning to be realized that the law of the beehive offers a better pattern to humanity than the law of the jungle."

This statement was made by Sir Harold Bowden, chairman of the Raleigh Cycle Company, Ltd., at the "Connaught Rooms, Great Queen-street, W.C., at the annual dinner of the Motor and Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund.

He added: "Perhaps the greatest obstacle to our national well-being to-day, is the tendency to prescribe political pills as a remedy for economic ills. We have got to learn in this country to think industrially. To do this we need perhaps a readjustment of our loyalties. It is a fine thing to be loyal to one's school or one's local football club or one's social class. But the real business of life lies in one's daily work. And loyalty to one's firm and one's industry is a practical ideal, which is none the less commendable because it is practical."

It was announced that more than £10,000 had been subscribed towards the fund. Sir Charles Wakefield contributed £10,000.

THE WEEK-END SPORT.

Cricket, Home and Local Football, Service Boxing Tournament, Macao Races, Lawn Bowls, Golf, Yachting, etc.

THE CRICKET LEAGUE.

CRAIGENGOWER BEAT CIVIL SERVICE.

FULL WEEK-END PROGRAMME.

The high standard of Hong Kong Cricket was well maintained over the week-end and some interesting performances have been returned. Bowlers, on the whole, had the upper hand and scores were generally low. Competition proved to be very keen in both League and Friendly matches.

The surprise of the day was the convincing victory of Craigengower over the Civil Service. Not since 1920 have Craigengower figured prominently in the League, but they have shown up very well, so far, in the current season and they now occupy the leading position in the League table. They have plenty of talent in the team and their progress will be closely watched. In the other first division match, the Chinese Recreation Club showed up extremely well against the Royal Navy and at the end of the match, which was drawn, they were in the better position. Only one match in the Second Division was played, the Civil Service accounting for the Royal Engineers.

The most interesting friendly match on Saturday was that between the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club. Low and slow scoring took place and honours were evenly divided at the close of the match which ended in a draw. R. H. Hancock made a welcome re-appearance in the game and quickly knocked up 10 runs when he was caught and bowled by Brace. Several other matches were also played in the Second Division.

Outstanding bowling performances in the League were by Hanson (Craigengower) who took 5 wickets for 14 runs; Oliver (Craigengower) 4 for 17 runs; Hamilton (C.S.C.) 4 for 33 runs; Ching (Chinese R.C.) 5 for 33 runs; Thomson (R.N.) 6 for 30 runs; and in "Friendlies," Musket (H.K. Electric) 7 for 13 runs; M. P. Madar (I.R.C. "B") 5 for 15 runs; Chan Fook (University) 3 for 18 runs; A. B. Clemo (China Light) 4 for 22 runs; Bayer (Kowloon C.C.) 3 for 12 runs; and Recks (R.A.F.) 4 for 16 runs. In batting, Capt. Morris distinguished himself by carrying his bat for 71 in the match between the Hong Kong and Kowloon Cricket Clubs. In League matches, the best performances were by the Rev. Venn (R.N.) 51, and A. Kitchell (Craigengower) 50. R. S. W. Paterson (C.S.C.) was top scorer in the Second Division with 60, not out.

The details follow:—

LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

CRAIGENGOWER v. CIVIL SERVICE.

Two Happy Valley Clubs met in a League match on the Craigengower Cricket Club ground and the Home team won in convincing manner. Declaring at 155 runs for 8 wickets, Craigengower then dismissed their opponents for the poor total of 37 runs. Hanson and Oliver were in splendid form with the ball and were responsible for the collapse of the Civil Service.

Scores:—

Craigengower C.C.	
H. P. Lim, b Hamilton	4
A. Kitchell, b Ling	50
E. Zimmerman, b Hamilton	14
U. M. Omar, b Hamilton	4
A. B. Hanson, b Evans	25
S. Abbas, b Ling	0
D. Rumjahn, c de Rome, b Evans	10
D. Fritz, b Hamilton	16
W. Mackay, not out	15
J. W. Leonard, not out	0
Extras	17
Total (for 8 wks., dec.)	155

F. Oliver did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.	
Ling	10 2 21 2
Evans	13 1 42 2
Hamilton	10 1 33 4
Hawkins	2 0 14 0
Sayer	2 0 15 0
Grimmett	2 0 13 0

Civil Service C.C.

F. J. de Rome, run out	0
A. E. Strango, c Rumjahn, b Hanson	0
A. E. Wood, c Fritz, b Oliver	22
G. R. Sayer, c Rumjahn, b Oliver	7
B. D. Evans, c Leonard, b Oliver	0
B. C. K. Hawkins, c Leonard, b Oliver	1

A. W. Grimmett, not out	5
E. W. Hamilton, b Hanson	0
F. H. Holdman, b Hanson	0
V. Chittenden, b Hanson	0
F. J. Ling, b Hanson	2
Extras	0
Total	37

Bowling Analysis.

Hanson	8 1 4 4
Oliver	8 3 17 4
Abbas	1 0 6 0

CHINESE R.C. v. ROYAL NAVY.

On their own ground, the Chinese Recreation Club held their own against the Royal Navy and the match resulted in a draw. The feature of the match was the 51 runs made by the Rev. Venn for the Royal Navy who compiled 143 runs. The Chinese at the time of drawing stumps had made 105 runs for the loss of 6 wickets.

Scores:—

Royal Navy.	
Rev. Venn, c Shang, b Ching	51
Lt. Comdr. Yung, b W. C. Hung	0
Lt. Cecil, b Hung	1
Lt. Salter, b Ching	9
Lt. Walking, c Ng Sze Kwong	9
Lt. Phipps, c Yeoh, b Ching	5
A. B. West, b Hung	22
Lt. Comdr. Thomson, c Yung, b Ching	0
Lt. Thurston, b Hung	22
Surg. Lt. Comdr. Tighe	8
Ching, b Ng Sze Kwong	8
C. E. R. A. Miller, not out	2
Extras	13
Total	143

Bowling Analysis.

Ng Sze Kwong	15 1 67 2
W. C. Hung	10 4 2 28 3
Ching	10 2 25 5

Chinese R.C.

P. M. Tsai, b Thomson	0
Ng Sze Kwong, b Thomson	18
W. C. Hung, b Thomson	6
J. L. Youngsaye, b W. C. Hung	20
Thomson	20
T. E. Yeoh, not out	37
W. H. Kwan, b Thomson	7
H. Ching, c Phipps, b Thomson	0
H. L. Yung, not out	0
Extras	17
Total (for 6 wks.)	105

H. C. Hung, W. P. Tsui, and K. L. Chau did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Thomson	17 10 36 0
Tighe	3 0 12 0
West	3 0 12 0
Walking	8 0 32 0
Miller	3 1 8 0

DIVISION II.

CIVIL SERVICE v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

The Civil Service scored their initial victory this season at the expense of the Royal Engineers on their own ground. The winners compiled 120 runs of which R. S. W. Paterson contributed 60 runs, not out. They then dismissed their opponents for 79 runs only.

Scores:—

Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI.	
H. F. Harper, c and b Bellow	0
F. H. W. Haynes, c Goodyer, b Bellow	7
R. R. Davies, c Jones, b Bellow	12
W. F. J. Gorvin, b Goodyer	0
R. S. W. Paterson, not out	60
R. G. Robertson, c Trumper, b Goodyer	12
A. B. Ursell, b Bellow	10
P. J. O'Neill, b Bellow	10
C. Sara, b Jones	10
A. H. Oswick, c Trumper, b Jones	2
S. E. Alderman, b Bridgland	7
Extras	7
Total	120

Bowling Analysis.

Goodyer	13 5 19 2
Bellow	10 2 55 5
Jones	5 0 23 2
Bridgland	1 4 0 16 1

Royal Engineers.

Sgt. Bellow, c Paterson, b Sara	4
Sgt. Radcliffe, b Robertson	0
Sgt. Watkiss, run out	7
Lt. Opl. Goodyer, run out	15
Capt. Bridgland, b.w., b Gorvin	37
Sgt. Penny, c Alderman, b Paterson	0
Sgt. Peachey, c Paterson, b Gorvin	9
Sgt. Trumper, b Robertson	0
Lt. Macdonald, b Robertson	1
Sgt. Jones, not out	8
Extras	0
Total	79

(One man absent).

Bowling Analysis.

Robertson	0 0 23 3
Sara	7 0 25 1
Gorvin	6 2 22 2
Paterson	2 0 9 1

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.	
Clubs.	M. W. L. D. Pts.
Craigengower	3 2 0 1 7
Indian R.C. "A"	2 2 0 0 6
Royal Navy	3 1 0 2 5
Chinese R.E.	4 1 2 1 4
University	1 1 0 0 3
Civil Service	2 1 1 0 3
Royal Artillery	2 0 2 0 0
Indian R.C. "B"	3 0 3 0 0
Kowloon C.C.	0 0 0 0 0

Division II.	
Clubs.	M. W. L. D. Pts.
University	3 3 0 0 9
Recreation	4 3 1 0 9
R.A.O.C.	4 3 1 0 9
Civil Service	3 1 1 1 4
Police R.C.	4 1 2 1 4
H.K. Electric	2 1 1 0 3
Royal Navy	2 1 1 0 3
H.M.S. Tamar	2 0 1 1 1
Kowloon C.C.	2 0 1 1 1
Royal Engineers	2 0 2 0 0

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

HONG KONG C.C. v. KOWLOON C.C.

On the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground, the two leading Cricket Clubs failed to come to a decision. Careful play was much in evidence and in consequence low and slow scoring resulted. Capt. E. W. Morris (K.C.C.) was the outstanding batsman, carrying his bat for 71 runs. J. C. Lyle played well for his 37.

Scores:—

Kowloon C.C.	
W. Brace, b Leach	13
A. W. Ramsay, c Hayward, b Leach	13
F. E. Lawrence, c Moor, b Wales	4
Capt. E. W. Morris, not out	71
Capt. Drysdale, c and b Wales	1
C. J. Lyle, b Parker	37
E. F. Fincher, not out	0
Extras	8
Total (for 5 wks., dec.)	143

H. T. Buxton, W. G. Guest, S. Jex, and N. H. Ross did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.	
Dobbie	4 1 7 0
Wales	16 3 43 2
Leach	12 3 38 2
Thorp	6 1 18 0
Parker	5 0 23 1
Cornaby	1 0 4 0

Hong Kong C.C.

D. W. Leach, c Fincher, b Brace	12
A. W. Hayward, b Fincher	39
T. E. Pearce, c Drysdale, b Morris	9
Capt. N. Thorp, c Brace, b Morris	2
J. R. Hinton, b Morris	11
H. R. B. Hancock, c and b Brace	10
O. Moor, not out	18
Capt. A. G. Dobbie, not out	8
Extras	8
Total (for 6 wks.)	115

Bowling Analysis.

Lyle	9 0 42 0
Brace	7 0 19 2
Fincher	6 1 21 1
Morris	2 0 25 3

INDIAN R.C. "B" v. H.K. ELECTRIC.

The Hong Kong Electric Co. had little difficulty in beating the Indian "B" on their opponents' ground. Batting first they compiled 141 runs of which Murdoch contributed 48 and 25 were "extras." M. P. Madar bowled late in the Electric Co's innings, but was very successful taking 5 wickets for 16 runs. The Indians were dismissed for 54 runs. Madar made a useful stand and was undefeated for 25 runs. Musket trundled with great effect and took 7 wickets for 13 runs.

UNIVERSITY 2nd XI v. RECREIO.

The two leading Clubs in the second division met in a friendly match and the University emerged winners. Bowlers had the upper hand throughout. The University could only score 92 runs. S. Kermani, the last man in, being top scorer with 19, not out. The Recreation fared even worse and were dismissed for 49 runs. L. J. Silva (10) and C. A. Silva (10) were the only ones to reach double figures. The Portuguese tried seven bowlers all of whom returned quite good analyses, while the University tried four, of whom Chan Fook was the most successful, taking 3 wickets for 18 runs.

KOWLOON C.C. and XI v. CHINA LIGHT.

On their own ground, the Kowloon Cricket Club second went down to the China Light and Power in another low scoring match. The Home side compiled 85 runs. A. A. Dand (11), Rev. Murray (11), W. Hyde (10), O. B. Raven (11) and H. Overy (12) reaching double figures. A. B. Clemo and Kelly took 4 wickets each for 22 and 37 runs respectively. The China Light and Power in reply scored 104 runs. A. C. Tinson (28) and A. B. Clemo (20) being the chief contributors. Rev. Murray took 4 wickets for 52 runs and Raven 3 for 12 runs.

RECREIO v. R.A.F.

The Club de Recreio League team beat the Royal Air Force by one wicket on their own ground at King's Park. Low scores were again recorded and the Royal Air Force who batted first were dismissed for 85 runs, after a bad start. The last few batsmen made up most of the total, L.A.C. Fletcher having 16 to his credit, L.A.C. Roa 17 and L.A.C. French 10. 13 runs were "extras." Pinnas took 4 wickets for 25 runs. The Portuguese subsequently found it difficult to reach their opponents' total and eventually won by 1 wicket only. H. Alves was top scorer with 18 runs, while others to reach double figures were: H. Xavier (11); M. F. Pinnas (12 not out); and D. Xavier (17). L.A.C. Recks took 5 wickets for 14 runs.

POLICE R.C. v. QUEEN'S REGIMENT.

On the Police ground at Happy Valley, some spirited hitting was seen in the game between the Home Club and the Queen's Regiment. The Homesters did fairly well and made 102 runs to which E. Dyer contributed 22, C. F. Alexander 12, W. L. B. Sparrow 19 and L. J. Wagland 10. Miles took 3 wickets for 37 runs and Haggard 4 for 38 runs. The Queen's reached 120 runs for the loss of 4 wickets only at the close of play. All the five batsmen reached double figures, Barclay making 10, Underdown 35, not out, Lieut. Burton 17, Lieut 25 and Lieut. Ford 22.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

UNIVERSITY v. COMBINED LEAGUE.

Two friendly matches were played yesterday. The Combined League in their initial match this season took on the University Past and Present on the Pokfulam ground and overwhelmed their opponents by a margin of 169 runs. Batting first, the University could only muster 62 runs owing to the splendid bowling of Thomson and Brace. The Combined League scored 221 runs, passing their opponents' total at the third wicket. A. B. Hanson (Craigengower) contributed 80 runs.

Scores:—

Combined League.	
A. W. Ramsey, c Lee, b Guterres	5
W. C. Hug, c Sling, b Guterres	13
A. H. Madar, retired	14
A. B. Hanson, c Sling, b A. H. Rumjahn	89
W. Brace, c Sling, b Guterres	5
Lt. Dale, run out	26
G. R. Sayer, c Barrow, b Guterres	7
Lt. Cdr. Shaw, c Guterres, b A. H. Rumjahn	17
J. S. A. Curreen, not out	15
Lt. Cdr. Thomson, b Guterres	1
S. A. Ismail, not out	12
Extras	17
Total	221

Bowling Analysis.

Guterres	14 1 40 3
Lam	6 1 28 0
Lee	7 1 35 0
A. A. Rumjahn	5 0 34 0
Barrow	4 1 14 0
Guterres	11 3 47 2
A. H. Rumjahn	2 0 6 2

University.

A. H. Rumjahn, c and b Brace	6
S. V. Gittins, c Hanson, b Thomson	0
E. A. Lee, c Ismail, b Brace	3
A. A. Rumjahn, c Dale, b Thomson	11
Ng Bow Po, b Thomson	3
C. W. Lam, b Brace	1
A. P. Guterres, b Brace	0
T. Barrow, not out	14
S. Kermani, c Sayer, b Hanson	18
W. Hong Sling, b Dale	0
S. Hachuma, run out	0
Extras	8
Total	62

Bowling Analysis.

Thompson	11 3 10 2
Brace	10 3 24 4
Hanson	2 0 4 1
Dale	2 0 4 1

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LOCAL FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

CLUB DE RECREIO'S DOUBLE REVERSE.

WINS BY CHINA ATHLETIC, R.A.F. AND K.O.S.B.'S.

The games in the Hong Kong League played on Saturday, resulted as under:—

Division I.

R.A.F. 6; Club de Recreio 0.
China Athletic 6; Hong Kong F.C. 0.

K.O.S.B.'s 5; Hong Kong Police 0.
South China 2; R.A. 1.

Kowloon 0; Scots Guards 0.

Division II "A."

K.O.S.B.'s Res. 0; South China "A" 1.

St. Joseph's 3; Club de Recreio Res. 0.

R.A. Res. 3; University 2.

South China "B" 1; China Ath. Res. 1.

Division II "B."

South China "A" 6; Moslem Club 1.

China Athletic 4; Boy Scouts 1.

Kung Woo 3; Kowloon "B" 0.

St. Joseph's Res. 2; South China "B" 1.

NOTES ON THE GAME.

Division I.

Hong Kong F.C. v. China Athletic.

This game was played on the H.K.F.C. ground, the Athletic repeating their early season victory with a six clear goals win.

From the kick-off, the Athletic pressed their middle line being in great fettle.

A long shot from Leung Yik Tong, the right half, opened the score for the Athletic and Suen increased with an "unstoppable" shot from close range. Lai Wai Koon sent in a fast one but Rodger cleared. At the interval, the Athletic were leading to two goals to nil.

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INDIAN R.C. "B" v. QUEEN'S REGIMENT.

On the Indian Recreation Club ground yesterday, the Home team drew with the Queen's Regiment. High scores were registered. The Indians making 189 and the visitors 141 for 6 wickets.

Scores:—

Indian R.C. "B"	
M. P. Madar, c Fairclough, b Martin	19
A. S. Sufiad, run out	9
F. M. el Arculli, c Taylor, b Underdown	76
Sirdar Khan, b Miles	0
R. Nazarin, c and b Martin	7
A. Rahmin, b Mann	5
D. Mohamed, not out	56
S. M. K. Malubhy, b Miles	2
U. T. Thad, b Hartbridge	2
J. M. Rumjahn, run out	0
A. Butt, not out	4
Extras	18
Total	189

Bowling Analysis.

Hartbridge	11 1 53 1
Miles	16 1 27 2
Martin	6 1 27 2
Underdown	4 1 11 1
Mann	4 1 11 1
Caldicut	1 0 5 0

Queen's Regiment.

Sirdar Khan	.....	2
Caldicutt, c Suffiad, b	.....	3
Mohamed	.....	3
Martin, c Thad, b Sirdar	.....	3
Khan	.....	3
Miles, c Butt, b Madar	.....	4
Fairclough, c Arculli, b	.....	4
Madar	.....	4
Taylor, b Suffiad	.....	1
Ives, not out	.....	1
Mann, not out	.....	1
Extras	.....	1

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP.

THE LEAGUE POSITIONS.

With the playing of the Second Round Proper of the Football Association Cup at Home on Saturday, there was a considerably diminished English League programme. There were full fixtures in Divisions I. and II., but in Division III. (Southern) there were only four matches, while in Division III. (Northern) there were the same number played. Next week and for the following few weeks there will be complete programmes in all Divisions.

The Second Round of the Cup was notable for only two drawn matches. There was not very high scoring, but New Brighton netted 7 goals against Rhyll 2, while Bournemouth and Luton Town each obtained 6 against Bristol Rover and Norwich City, respectively. An amateur team to enter the third round is the London Caledonians, who beat Bath City by the only goal scored in the match. Charlton Athletic drew with Kettering, and Swindon Town forced a goalless draw with Crystal Palace. The third round will be played on January 14th, when the competition begins to be more interesting in view of the fact that the Clubs in the premier divisions enter the field.

With regard to the League there are only minor changes to record, and there have not been many important changes in position.

THE F.A. CUP.

THE SECOND ROUND RESULTS.

The results of the matches played in the Second Round of the F.A. Cup are as under:

Gainsborough 0, Lincoln C. 2.
Bradford C. 2, Rotherham U. 3.
Bradford 0, Southport 2.
Crewe 2, Stockport 0.
Wrexham 1, Rochdale 1.
Darlington 1, Carlisle 0.
Tranmere R. 3, Halifax T. 1.
New Brighton 7, Rhyll 2.
Bournemouth 6, Bristol R. 1.
Gillingham 2, Southend U. 0.
Luton T. 0, Norwich C. 0.
Charlton A. 1, Kettering 1.
Swindon T. 0, Crystal Pal. 0.
Peterborough and Filton 2.
Aldershot T. 1.
Northampton 1, Brighton 0.
Exeter C. 5, Ilford 3.
London Cals. 1, Bath C. 0.

THE LEAGUE.

GOALS AND WINS.

Division I.
Goals:—Home Teams, 22; Away Teams, 16. Total: 38.
Home Wins, 4; Away Wins, 5.
Drawn Matches, 2.
Division II.
Goals:—Home Teams, 24; Away Teams, 9. Total: 33.
Home Wins, 7; Away Wins, 2.
Drawn Matches: 2.
Division III. (Southern).
Goals:—Home Teams, 13; Away Teams, 6. Total: 19.
Home Wins, 3; Away Wins, 1.
Drawn Matches: 2.
Division III. (Northern).
Goals:—Home Teams, 7; Away Teams, 3. Total: 10.
Home Wins, 3; Drawn Matches, 1.
Grand Totals.
Goals:—Home Teams, 65; Away Teams, 34. Grand Total: 99.
Home Wins, 17; Away Wins, 8.
Drawn Matches, 6.

THE RESULTS.

The following are the complete results of matches played in the English Football League, and the Scottish Football League (Division I.) on Saturday, as cable by Reuter:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal 4, Newcastle U. 1.
Aston Villa 2, Everton 3.
Burnley 0, Huddersfield T. 1.
Bury 1, Tottenham H. 2.
Derby C. 6, Blackburn R. 0.
Leicester C. 3, Middlesbrough 3.
Liverpool 2, Birmingham 3.
Portsmouth 2, Wednesday 3.
Sheff. U. 2, Manchester U. 1.
Sunderland 0, Cardiff C. 2.
West Ham 2, Bolton W. 0.

Division II.

Barnsley 0, Oldham A. 1.
Fulham 2, Notts. County 1.
Hull C. 1, Bristol C. 1.
Leeds U. 5, Chelsea 0.
Manchester C. 3, W. Brom. A. 1.
Notts. Forest 4, Clapton O. 3.
Port Vale 3, Reading 0.
Preston N.E. 2, Stoke C. 0.
South Shields 2, Blackpool 2.
Swansea 1, Southampton 0.
Wolves 0, Grimsby T. 1.

Division III. (Southern).

Plymouth A. 3, Millwall 2.
Merthyr T. 3, Brentford 1.
Walsall 4, Torquay U. 0.
Coventry C. 2, Watford 3.
Division III. (Northern).
Abercrombie 0, Chesterfield 0.
Aldington 1, Barrow 0.
Hartlepool U. 2, Durham C. 1.
Wigan Boro. 4, Nelson 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Airdrieonians 2, Hearts 0.
Bo'ness 1, Partick T. 4.
Clyde 3, Hamilton A. 1.
Cowdenbeath 2, Aberdeen 2.
Hibernians 3, Raith R. 1.
Kilmarnock 2, Dunfermline 1.
Motherwell 4, St. Mirren 0.
Queen's Park 0, Falkirk 1.
Rangers 5, Dundee 1.
St. Johnstone 3, Celtic 5.

LAWN BOWLS.

OPEN SINGLES FINAL AND PRIZE DAY.

ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON AT THE K.C.C.

There was a large gathering at the Kowloon Cricket Club ground on Saturday afternoon to witness the final of the Open Singles Championship between R. Lapsley and J. Brown, the Kowloon Dock competitors. Prizes and League shields were distributed at the close of the game.

Singles Championship.

Up to the eleventh head Brown seemed to hold Lapsley well, the score at this stage being six points each. Lapsley then ran away with the game by placing short heads to which policy his opponent seemed unable to reply. The only point in the game when Brown showed a lead was in the twelfth head when he placed three, but Lapsley scored in the remainder of the game conceding only one more point to his opponent. Lapsley's scores included a single, a four, and five twos. The game ended in Lapsley's favour by 21 points to 10.

Owing to indisposition, last year's Champion, A. Gourlay, did not take part this year. The present Champion met strong competition in the semi-final when he succeeded in defeating W. Russell (Kowloon Bowling Green Club) by a single point.

The third prize in this series was won by W. Russell by defeating Holland in the same Club, and incidentally reversing the order of last year in the same round.

Spear Cup and League Winners.

Mr. C. J. Tachi, the Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association, before calling on Mrs. Sutherland to distribute the prizes and shields, complimented the various winners and drew attention to their past feats. He thanked Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Thompson for the very fine prizes they had presented and said that the Association had always been fortunate in having such generous Presidents and Vice-Presidents. Mr. Sutherland had certainly not been behind his predecessors in this respect. He also drew attention to the keen personal interest taken by Mr. Sutherland in the Association.

After the distribution of prizes, little Miss Lammert presented Mrs. Sutherland with a bouquet of roses in a silver vase and tied with Lawn Bowls Association colours. Cheers were then called for Mr. Sutherland.

The winners in the Senior League for the shield presented by Mr. J. Reid, a former President, were the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club who won all their matches. The Junior League shield was won for the second time in succession by the Kowloon Cricket Club.

The Tai Koo Recreation Club won the Spear Royal Cup by defeating the Craigswater C.C. (last year's winners) in the final the previous Saturday.

The President's Speech.

Thanking them for the honour paid to Mrs. Sutherland, the President (Mr. Sutherland) said: This is the first occasion that my wife has had the privilege of presenting the prizes at a lawn bowls function and I am sure you that I have had a terrible time during the last week in explaining to her the intricacies of the game, for she was fearfully nervous that she might be called upon to answer technical questions. (Laughter.)

It has been a grand tournament. There were fifty-eight entrants altogether, and you will not think me too egotistic if I admit having been one of the entrants, but I scratched, for I was drawn against a jolly good man, one who gave me a good hiding two years ago.

As far as I myself am concerned, Mr. Tachi's remarks were unnecessary. They were of the booming order and compel me to lose no time in pushing them back to him, but I should like to say that we have been that I may have ample opportunity of working with him again, for the benefit, I hope, of lawn bowls in this Colony. (Cheers.)

SCHNEIDER CUP.

NEXT YEAR'S RACE IN ENGLISH WATERS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 10th.
The Royal Aero Club announced last night that the race next year for the Schneider seaplane trophy has been fixed for some day in September probably at either the Solent, Blackpool Morecambe or near Liverpool. No decision has yet been reached.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

(DIVISION I.)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	17	14	2	1	59	17	30
Motherwell	13	13	4	1	49	19	30
Celtic	17	10	4	3	40	24	34
Hearts	18	11	2	5	43	18	24
Coventry	18	9	3	6	32	23	21
Kilmarnock	18	8	4	6	32	20	20
St. Mirren	18	9	2	7	34	27	18
Partick	18	8	3	7	42	37	19
Falkirk	18	8	2	8	39	30	18
Airdrie	18	6	6	6	31	27	18

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SATURDAY'S BOXING.

H.M.S. "ARGUS" K.O.S.B.S.

INTERESTING BOUTS AT MURRAY BARRACKS.

[BY BANTAM.]

The open air boxing tournament at Murray Barracks on Saturday night between the King's Own Scottish Borderers and H.M.S. Argus was well attended, there being no fewer than a thousand persons present. Among them were many civilians, as well as military and naval officers.

The fighters were all up to the standard of the "Big" fights at Theatre Royal, and every bout was keenly contested. There was plenty of hard hitting and although four wins were secured by each side, the Argus boys were certainly better boxers than the soldiers.

The outstanding bout of the evening was between McConnell and Thorneley who fought three rounds in the Bantamweight class. Both men were as keen as mustard and did not spare each other. There was hardly a pause in the give and take process; both men positively hailed hard punches at one another.

Freeman v. Thompson.

The programme opened with a four round contest in the welterweight class between Cpl. Freeman (K.O.S.B.) and A.B. Thompson (Argus). The soldier weighted in at 146½ lbs. and Thompson at 147 lbs.

Too much caution was shown at the beginning of the first round, judging from their tactics in sparring for an opening, both men appeared to be goviacs. Towards the end of this round, Freeman warmed up a bit and landed out with his left and right, but in poor style. Thompson, however, managed to square up and the round ended with honours evenly divided. The second round was a repetition of the first, but it became a ding-dong battle in the third. Both contestants opened up place. Freeman had the better of the argument, but the sailor was by no means daunted by his opponent's wild hitting, for he doggedly kept at the soldier and paid up his debts as best he could. Both men became erratic in the fourth wasting their energy needlessly. Freeman was given the decision.

Seamman v. Munch.

Another welterweight bout was between Sgt. Seamman (K.O.S.B.) and A.B. Munch (Argus). The soldier scaled at 142½ lbs. and the sailor tipped at 134 lbs. These two men fought three rounds, and although the soldier had the advantage of eight pounds, he failed to "put it over" his lighter opponent. Munch got the decision thanks points scored in the last round.

Carney v. Gray.

The last bout of the evening was also in the welterweight class. Pte. Carney (K.O.S.B.) 142½ lbs. fought six rounds with Stoker Gray (Argus) 133½ lbs. This bout was full of thrills from beginning to the end. There were many stinging blows exchanged in this first round.

The soldier showed up to better advantage than the Stoker. He repeatedly scored with his left and right, and side-stepped his opponent like a dancing master. Carney kept up his good work up to the fourth round, when Gray began to settle down to good boxing. From now on, it was Gray's fight all through, and when the decision was given in his favour, he was more surprised than the spectators. A draw would have been a popular verdict.

McGill v. Mitchell.

Cpl. McGill (K.O.S.B.) 134 lbs. met A.B. Mitchell (Argus) 133½ lbs. in the lightweight class. This bout was a disappointment. McGill was very much inferior to his opponent from the start. He was floored no fewer than three times and had not the going saved him the last time he was sent to the boards. In the second round, he was again sent to the canvas and he gave up.

Frame v. Perkins.

Tel. Perkins (Argus) 155½ lbs. defeated Cpl. Frame (K.O.S.B.) 155½ lbs. in three rounds out of a six round contest for middleweight honours.

Frame was easily out-boxed and received a tremendous amount of punishment. In the second round, he was floored three times and was dazed. He was, however, very game and in spite of the punishment he had received, he got up to receive more. He fared no better in the third and, deciding that he had had enough, the judge called the fight off.

McConnell v. Thorneley.

The two bantams, Pte. McConnell (K.O.S.B.) 120 lbs. and Stoker Thorneley (Argus) 120½ lbs., fought a thrilling three round contest. Both boxers had a leopard agility and from start to finish, it was one continual punching. Both youngsters seemed to be able to stand any amount of hard hitting, and it was very difficult to see who was scoring as the deliveries were very speedy. In the last round McConnell scored with his left to the jaw and also landed some sledge-hammer blows to the stomach. McConnell won a popular verdict.

Hume v. Bates.

Pte. Hume the boxing ace of the K.O.S.B.'s (126 lbs.) met and defeated Tel Bates of the Argus (the same weight). The fight was all in Hume's favour from the start, and what should have been a six round contest, was stopped in the fourth.

Smith v. Morris.

What was to have been a six round contest between Pte. Smith (K.O.S.B.) 156½ lbs. and Sgt. Morris (Argus) 155 lbs. in the middleweight class, came to an end after two minutes sparring, when, with a well timed punch, the sailor put Smith to sleep.

Prize Distribution.

Lieut. Col. Comyn, Officer commanding the K.O.S.B., in calling upon Capt. Palmer of the H.M.S. Argus to distribute the prizes said that he was very pleased to see the Argus boys in action, and he hoped that this meeting would be the fore-runner of many others. He also thanked Messrs. Caldwell, Macgregor & Co., Whiteaway Ltd., Lane, Crawford, Ltd. and Gulam Nabi for the donation of the trophies.

Capt. Palmer then gave the prizes to the winners and runners-up after which he said that he was very glad to see his men meet such sterling fighters as the K.O.S.B.'s and expressed the hope that such meetings should be frequent. Three cheers were then called for the Borderers.

BOXER REINSTATED.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR UZCUDUN.

[REGULAR'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, December 8th.
The Basque prize-fighter, Palomo Uzcudun, who was suspended for his failure to fight Phil Scott, has been reinstated by the New York State Athletic Commission.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

SINGAPORE COMMENT.

Few local marksmen thought that Hong Kong would spring the surprise they have in scoring four points more than Shanghai in the inter-port rifle match, as recent practices there indicated few marksmen capable of scoring more than 94, says a writer in the Singapore Free Press. In recent Hong Kong practices C.S.M. Proven of the Scots Guards made 94.99 and 95; Mr. W. E. Cook 95.91 and 96; Sgt. Quinn 90.91 and 92; Mr. Barber 90 and Cpl. Willott 93. It is hardly to be expected that Singapore will be able to do even better, as the total score of the best ten in the last practice was only 931, an average of 93.1, whereas an average of 95 at least is necessary to win the Shield.

Capt. D. H. Steers, R.E., is undoubtedly the best marksman in Singapore at present, as his recent scores of 94, 90 and 100 indicate. The selection of Farrer Range for the shoot on this occasion has met with the approval of local marksmen, as the light on this range is certainly more ideal for a match of this character than it is at Bukit Timah. Shanghai have held the Shield for the past two years, with scores of 921 and 940 respectively. Singapore were to shoot off yesterday in the actual competition.

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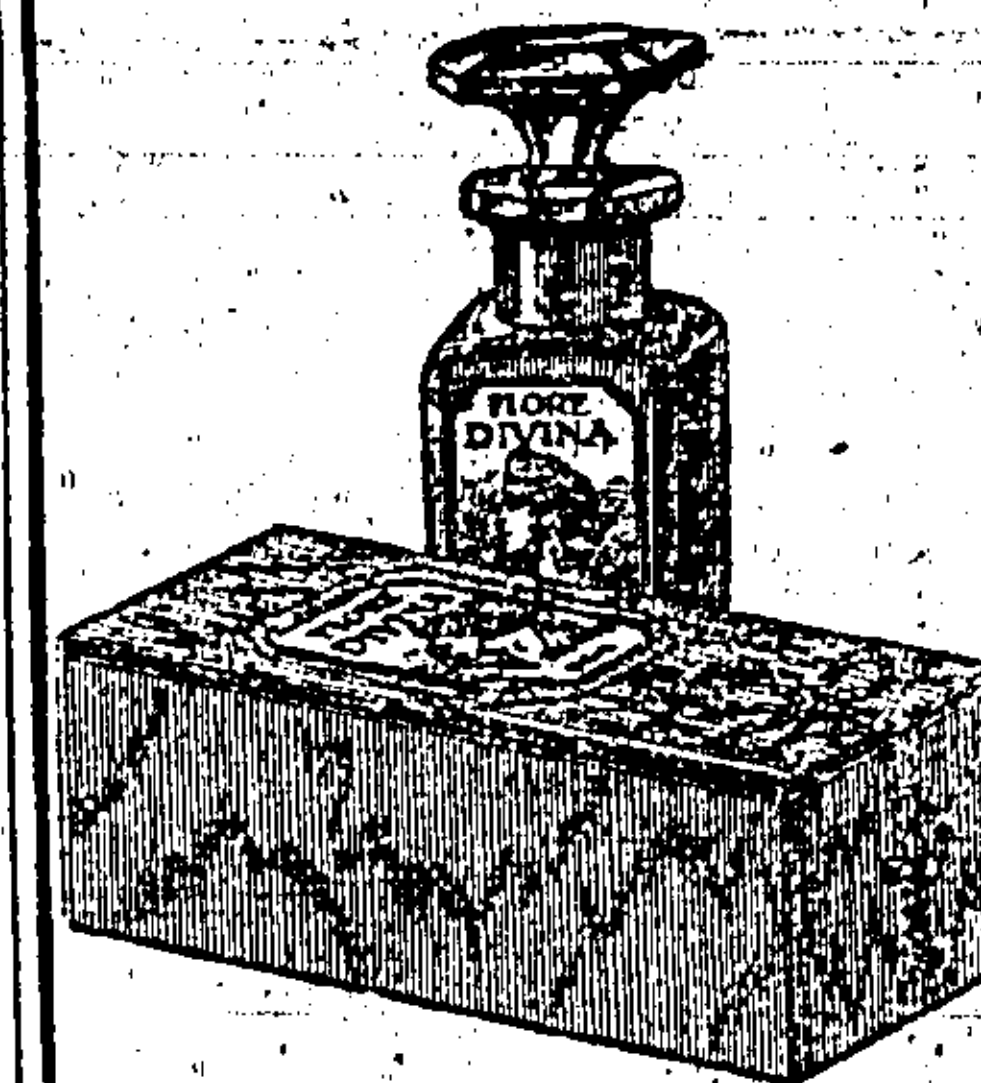
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SIZE, RANGE AND VELOCITY.

WHAT ARE THE LIMITS?

The primary cause for the rapid modern growth of the capital ship has been the development of her gun power. This in its turn, has taken the form of growth of individual weapons. The 15-inch gun ships actually carry two less heavy weapons than the original Drednought and her immediate successors, yet displacement increased from 17,000 tons to 27,000 tons.

The arguments in favour of the bigger gun are: (1) increased range and (2) greater destructive power on the part of the projectile. The arguments against the bigger gun are that (1) range is not a matter of size, and that (2) beyond certain limits increased destructive power is not of such value as to be worth the very heavy demands it makes on displacement. The devastating power of modern high explosive is so prodigious that a projectile of half-ton will probably do its work very completely. Assuming this to be so, the volume of fire should be more important than the intensity of the individual explosion; in other words, ten projectiles of half-ton apiece ought to inflict much more damage than five projectiles of a ton apiece.

Italian Long Range Experiments.

During the last months of the war, the Italian naval authorities, impressed by the German bombardment of Paris, turned their attention to the production of guns of very long range, with a view to attacking places which it was difficult to approach owing to sandbanks and mines. They sent, six 13.5 guns to the famous Ansaldo works for conversion on the same principle as the Germans had adopted. After many experiments and calculations, these guns were reduced to a bore of 32 inches. They thus became weapons of about 83 calibres. On being tested they threw a shell of 210mm. with an initial velocity of 4,920 foot-seconds, across a range of 110 kilometres (68 miles). They were never brought into action, since the Armistice was signed very shortly after they were ready. The German guns which bombarded Paris are believed to have been of 110 calibres and of 7.2 inch bore, and their proven range was at least 80 miles. These details sufficiently prove the statement made above that range does not depend upon mere size at all. The bigger the bore of a gun the heavier its projectile, and the greater the energy required to maintain it on its flight.

Limits Of Useful Range.

Of course, "freak guns" such as these German and Italian weapons would be wholly out of the question for naval service. They would have a very short life, tend to droop heavily, thus impairing their accuracy, require enormous turrets to give them balanced mountings, and be in everybody's way. Furthermore, such preposterous ranges are not required. But one interesting point in connection with "smashing power" suggests itself. The 15-inch gun fires a projectile of 1,950lbs. with an initial velocity of 2,800 foot-seconds. These converted Italian guns fired a shell of about 300lbs. with an initial velocity of 4,920 foot-seconds. Which would produce the most effect against armour, the additional weight or the infinitely higher velocity? There can be no question that the smaller projectile would penetrate armour of a greater thickness and density than the heavier shell could pass through, for momentum represents the equivalent of weight against a target. Naval and Military Record.

MARRIAGE OR GAOL.

PENALTY FOR DISFIGURING LOVER'S FACE.

BERLIN.
If Paul Kohler, a fitter, does not marry Frieda Bode, a shop assistant, he will have to go to prison for a year.
This was the decision of the German court before which Paul was brought for attacking Frieda, to whom he was engaged with a razor. Frieda had been flirting with another young man, and Paul was so jealous that, as he told the judge, he was simply beside himself and could not even remember what happened.
Frieda escaped with her life, but her face will always be disfigured. "Her chances of getting married," said the judge, "are thus very greatly diminished. It is the duty of the accused to make reparation. If, therefore, he marries the girl, he need not serve his sentence of one year's imprisonment."
The question, however, is whether Frieda will consent to marry him.

MIND YOUR TROUSER POCKET!

A PEANUT EATING CHINESE BUSY.

SOME "LOCAL" MAGIC.

The record held by an unknown Chinese for "magic" on a Canton boat, has been beaten by another man who demonstrated his ability at sleight of hand while some members of a local Club were endeavouring to hire a motor car near the Post Office after a dinner at the To To Sin restaurant on Saturday night.

In the earlier incident, a wealthy Chinese was so interested in his conversation with a friend shortly before the boat left the wharf for Canton that he failed to notice his suit case containing property to the value of about \$1,000 suddenly change form. To his chagrin, it was soon found that his "valuable" bag had gone and a dummy with a lot of waste paper inside left in its place.

In relating his experience, the "victim" frankly confessed that he was beaten by the thief, but what worried him was that the man had evaded on his good nature. Evidence point to this latest leg-of-mutton expert being a con-isseur in peanuts, as he left a bag used for wrapping up these nuts in the trouser pocket after extracting a wad of one-dollar notes. Everything went well with the victim (a European) until he and two friends failed to get a motor car after standing some time at Pedder Street and took tram. When he placed his hand into his trouser pocket to pay his fare he found something there much longer than a dollar note. He extracted the peanut bag which the thief had given for what he had taken.

THE THRACIANS.

CHEERY CONCERT AT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HOME.

The audience which attended the variety entertainment given by the "Thracians" at the old Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street, on Saturday evening, thoroughly enjoyed the capital fare served up, judging from the applause, and it is to be hoped that the opportunity will be found for the "Thracians" to give another concert at some future date. The concert was given by permission of Comdr. H. E. Snapp, R.N., H.M.S. "Thracian" to raise money for the Building and Equipment Fund of the new Sailors' and Soldiers' Home which is now being built at the junction of Praya East and Aiton Street, and we hear that the receipts were being satisfactory.

A bright chorus by the "Thracians" opened the entertainment, and then followed a series of songs and other enjoyable numbers. Those contributing to the programme were: A. Thomas, G. Tibbatts, G. Kirtin, E. Hull, R. Jones, G. Blenkinsop, A. Bennett, J. Walsh and F. Eldon. The accompaniment was Mr. C. Whineup. The programme was a lengthy one, comprising twenty items, and encores were in much demand, although the length of the programme prevented them all being accorded.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 11th	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
Barometer	30.07	30.09	30.05
Temperature	64	61	67
Humidity	47	70	60
Wind	ENE	ENE	E
Direction	E	E	E
Force	3	4	3
Weather	B	C	O
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air temperature, 10th: 84			
Lowest open-air temperature, 11th: 60			

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 12th to 18th, 1927.	High Water	Low Water
Date	Time	Time
Mon. 12	11 58	6 11
Tues. 13	11 58	6 11
Wed. 14	11 58	6 11
Thur. 15	11 58	6 11
Fri. 16	11 58	6 11
Sat. 17	11 58	6 11
Sun. 18	11 58	6 11

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BRINGING CARGO FROM MARSEILLES, Etc., Also CARGO FROM BREDAUX, E.S.S. "VENUS" AND CARGO FROM BAYRE AND COGNAC, E.S.S. "LIEUT. DE LA TOUR."
All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 16th instant or they will not be recognized. Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees on 16th Dec., on Tuesday, the 13th December, 1927. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. J. LIMAGE, Agent. Hong Kong, 7th Dec., 1927. [5620]

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SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 28th Dec.	10 a.m.
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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"OHENAN"	On 29th Dec.	8 a.m.
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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

December 9th.

Changte, British str., 4,323 tons, Capt. F. C. Gambrell, from Australia via Manila. The latter port she left on December 7th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
Chenan, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—B. & S.
Song Ho, French str., 730 tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C43.—Messageries Maritimes.
Sorachi Maru, Japanese str., 1,262 tons, Capt. J. Shimao, from Wakamatsu and Amoy, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B51.—M.B.K.
Taito Maru, Japanese str., 1,015 tons, Capt. S. Harada, from Wakamatsu, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B50.—Y.K.K.
Wingow, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. I. A. de Lemos, from Port Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B43.—Yew Kee Co.

December 10th.

Chekiang, British str., 1,313 tons, Capt. I. M. Barling, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.
Gleniffer, British str., 5,021 tons, Capt. F. V. Martin, from London, which port she left on October 29th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Gran, Norwegian str., 1,152 tons, Capt. K. Karlson, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C46.—Y.K.K.
Hydrangea, British str., 581 tons, Capt. T. H. Ball, from Swatow, with 92 tons of general cargo, lying at Chiu On S.S. Co.—Chiu On S.S. Co.
Tak Hing, Chinese str., 103 tons, Capt. Lo Sau, from Autau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hai S.S. Co.
West Conoh, American str., 3,405 tons, Capt. C. H. Wichman, from Manila, which port she left on December 7th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A29.—Swayne & Hoyt Inc.
Yingchow, British str., 1,216 tons, Capt. E. M. Gellie, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. O17.—B. & S.

December 11th.

Atlantic, Swedish str., 2,090 tons, Capt. R. Luthberg, from Chiuwangtao, which port she left on December 2nd, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B35.—Ludwell & Co.
Haiching, British schooner, 1,877 tons, Capt. W. G. Erwin, from Swatow, with 500 tons of general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.
Hengtai, Chinese str., 1,210 tons, Capt. Kuznetsov, from Samarkand, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C43.—Wallum & Co.
Ichiyo Maru, Japanese str., 2,658 tons, Capt. M. Okayama, from Sakito, with a cargo of cement, lying at buoy No. B23.—Y. Sato.
Garmula, to-day.
Tilawa, to-day.
Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Russia, to-day.
Dodwell & Co.
Calcutta, to-morrow.
Corby Castle, Jan. 1st.
Viminale, Jan. 5th.
Bowen Castle, Jan. 22nd.
East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Jess, Jan. 15th.
Australien, Feb. 22nd.
Asia, Mar. 14th.
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CLEARANCES.

December 10th.

Chekiang, for Canton.
Cheong Shing, for Swatow.
Fook Hong, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Gleniffer, for Keelung.
Kaipo Maru, for Swatow.
Kwangtung, for Swatow.
Lancaster Castle, for Hoiho.
Limchow, for Pakhoi.
Siberia Maru, for Keelung.
Song Ho, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Tak Hing, for Amoy.
Tjikembang, for Amoy.
West Conoh, for San Francisco.
December 11th.
Gran, for Whampoa.
Shiu Hing, for Macao.
Taito Maru, for Port Redon.
Tak Hing, for Autau.
Yingchow, for Swatow.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail and Dollar Lines.

President Jackson, to-day.
President Pierce, to-morrow.
President Garfield, Dec. 17th.
President Taft, Dec. 18th.
President McKinley, Dec. 23th.
President Harrison, Dec. 31st.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Taiiping, Jan. 7th.
Changte, Feb. 7th.
Bank Line.
City of Pekin, Dec. 24th.
City of Calcutta, Jan. 14th.
City of Madras, Jan. 21st.
City of Adelaide, Feb. 18th.

Bank Line.

Bendoran, to-day.

Blue Funnel Line.

Diomed, to-morrow.
Memnon, to-morrow.
Antenor, Dec. 16th.
Macassar, Dec. 17th.
Menelaus, Dec. 20th.
Peleus, Dec. 20th.
Pyrrhus, Dec. 22nd.
Tydeus, Dec. 23th.
Patroclus, Dec. 23th.
Pereus, Dec. 23th.
Ixion, Dec. 30th.
Myrmidon, Jan. 7th.
Rhezenor, Jan. 8th.
Hector, Jan. 13th.
Mentor, Jan. 17th.
Protesilaus, Jan. 17th.
Troilus, Jan. 22nd.
Neleus, Jan. 31st.
Ningchow, Feb. 2nd.
Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.
Talthybius, Feb. 7th.
Aeneas, Feb. 13th.
Autolycus, Feb. 19th.
Achilles, Feb. 23th.
Alelon, Feb. 23th.
Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.
Cataphract, Mar. 4th.
Surperton, Mar. 8th.

British-India and Apecar Line.

Garmula, to-day.
Tilawa, to-day.

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PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

Per s.s. *Changte*, from Australian ports, on December 9th:—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hill, Mr. C. J. Sabiston, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Manning, Mr. T. Hughes, Miss M. T. Hughes, Mr. P. M. Williams, Master D. Quirk, Mrs. R. Shade, and Mr. R. Keen.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Araju, Jan. 2nd.

Tanda, Feb. 8th.

Glen Line.

Glenofie, Dec. 22nd.

Glenamoy, Jan. 21st.

Glenanda, Jan. 28th.

Glenapp, Feb. 2nd.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linie.

Fogland, Dec. 14th.

Ramses, Dec. 19th.

Albert Vogler, Dec. 31st.

Oldenburg, Jan. 12th.

Havelland, Jan. 23th.

Macklenburg, Feb. 6th.

Holland East Asia Line.

Zoama, to-morrow.

Oosterk, Jan. 10th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjiuandari, to-day.

Tjiuandari, Dec. 19th.

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SHANGHAI via AMOY	"FOOKSANG"	Wed., 14th Dec., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"KWAISANG"	Tues., 13th Dec., at 9 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tues., 13th Dec., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Fri., 23rd Dec., at 3 p.m.
Kobe via AMOY, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"KUMSANG"	Satur., 24th Dec., at 7 a.m.
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Steamship "GLENSANDA"	(via Oran)	7th March

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Motor Vessel "GLENOGLE"	22nd December
Motor Vessel "GLENAMOY"	20th January, 1928
Steamship "GLENSANDA"	26th January, "
Motor Vessel "GLENAPP"	2nd February, "
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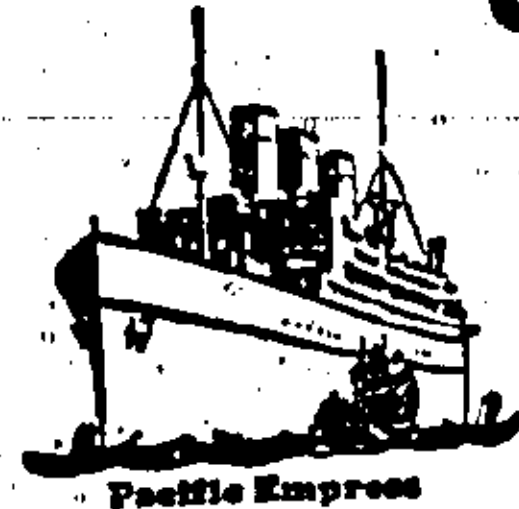


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TENYO MARU ... Tuesday, 24th Jan., "

LONDON via Singapore, Suez, Marseilles & Ports.

HAKOGAKI MARU ... Saturday, 17th Dec.
HAKUSAN MARU ... Saturday, 31st Dec.
KITANO MARU ... Saturday, 14th Jan., 1928.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 31st Dec.
AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 18th Jan., 1928.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

RADO MARU ... Monday, 12th Dec.
GENOA MARU ... Tuesday, 27th Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

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DURBAN MARU ... Tuesday, 10th Jan., 1928.

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TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Monday, 18th Dec.

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WEEK-END FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL AND THROUGH
CARGO LOW.

ARRIVALS NORMAL.

The number of vessels arriving into port during the week-end was normal, but freights carried for the Colony and for ports beyond were below the average.

Saturday's Returns.
During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday there were 10,753 tons of freights landed here. Of these, 2,968 tons were from British bottoms. The two best returns were shown by the s.s. *Taita Maru*, from Wakamatsu, and the *Cyclops* from Birkenhead and Singapore. The former ship had 3,294 tons of coal and the latter was responsible for 2,400 tons of general merchandise.

Through cargoes amounted to 19,072 tons, of which, 6,307 tons were carried by four British steamers. The two best returns were 5,559 tons and 5,380 tons. The former lot was carried by the s.s. *Dakar Maru* from Otaru and Shanghai, and the latter was on the s.s. *Cyclops* from Birkenhead and Singapore.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	5	5
Japanese	4	4
Norwegian	3	3
Chinese	2	2
Danish	0	1
French	0	2
Italian	0	1
Total	14	19

Yesterday's Returns.

Although there were 10 steamers arriving during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, freights carried both for the Colony and other ports were considerably below the average.

There were only 6,903 tons of general merchandise landed here, of which, 1,196 tons were contributed by three British vessels. The two best returns were 2,152 tons on the s.s. *Ichigo Maru* from Osaka and 2,037 by the Chinese steamer *Heng Tai* from Samarinda.

Through cargoes showed up a little better, 12,038 tons being manifested. Three British ships were responsible for 5,751 tons. The two best returns were 5,415 tons and 3,887 tons. The former tons were on the s.s. *Gleniffer* from London and Singapore and the latter on the *West Comob* from San Francisco and Manila.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	6
American	1	1
Norwegian	1	0
Japanese	1	2
Chinese	3	2
French	0	1
Dutch	0	1
Total	10	13

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

An important notice to mariners dealing with the laying of mines in the West River, and instructing masters of steamers as to precautions they should take has just been issued at the Harbour Office. The notice states that mines have been laid in the West River in the vicinity of the Chicken Basket Island (this was briefly mentioned in a Naval Wireless message a few days ago). All vessels when bound up or down river are to stop and communicate with the Guard boat stationed in the vicinity which will provide pilotage through the danger zone. The notice has been issued by the Commissioner of Customs at Wanchow.

Bank Buoy To Be Established.

On December 8th, a notice to mariners at the Harbour Office, from the Shanghai Maritime Customs Department, states that a black conical buoy was to be established to mark the southern side of the Turghow Channel, Yangtze River. From the position of the buoy, Fushan Pagoda will bear S 79 W, magnetic, distant 5.1 miles.

Marine Court.

At the Marine Court on Saturday, before Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., Harbour Master, the master of the steam-launch *Wah Hing* pleaded guilty to using the steam-launch outside the harbour limits, and also to leaving port without a clearance on the 6th. He was fined \$25, or three weeks' hard labour in default, on the first charge; and \$50, or six weeks' hard labour on the second charge.

Master's Death.

The arrival report of the *West Comob* (American) from Manila states that the Captain, whose name is not given, died in hospital at Manila on November 26th.

Exceptionally Good Trip.

The master of the s.s. *Changte*, which arrived in port on Friday from Australia and ports, states that the trip was an exceptionally good one from every point of view. Included among the passengers were 132 steerage, 34 Chinese second-class, and 20 saloon passengers.

Annual Docking.

Once a year all the "Empress" liners are docked for general overhaul. The *Empress of Russia* today, Hong Kong from Manila today, and after discharging passengers, will berth at a buoy off Kowloon Dock, which she will later enter. The *Empress of Russia* will be the first of the three liners to go in to dock this year, and she will be followed in due course by the *Empress of Asia* and *Empress of Canada*. The *Russia* sails again for Vancouver on January 4th.

Chief Boarding Officer's Return.

Capt. C. J. Thomson, Chief Boarding Officer, has returned from Home leave, accompanied by Mrs. Thomson, Capt. Thomson has resumed his official duties.

Standard Ships.

The *Sumatra*, which ran trials last month, is one of several standard ships built in Italy for different owners. She is for the Soc. Marittima Italiana and will trade to the Dutch East Indies. The deadweight capacity is about 8,300 tons, the length 390 ft., the beam 6 ft. 6 ins. and the depth 32 ft. She was built by the Stabilimento Tecnico Triestino. The vessel's speed when fully loaded is about 10 knots.

Chinese Deck Passengers.

There were 515 Chinese deck passengers entering the Colony during the week-end. Of these, 213 were brought in during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Yesterday's returns showed that 303 had entered.

Java-Pacific-Calcutta Service.

Commencing with the sailing of the *Silveray* from Singapore on January 16th, the vessels employed on the Kerr Steamship Co. Pacific Coast Service will call at Batavia, Semarang and Sourabaya and from the latter named port they will proceed direct to San Francisco. The Company aims at giving Singapore shippers a fast direct service to the Pacific Coast and vessels are scheduled to arrive at San Francisco 30 days after they clear from Singapore.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived at Manila on Saturday at 11 a.m., left there the same date at midnight, and is due at Hong Kong this (Monday) afternoon. She will berth at a buoy off Kowloon Dock.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* left Shanghai at 1 p.m. on Saturday, and is due at Kobe tomorrow at 5 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia*, from Hong Kong, arrived at Marseilles on December 9th at 7 a.m.

The N.D.L. s.s. *Derfflinger*, from Europe, left Singapore for Hong Kong via Manila, on December 10th, and is expected to arrive here on December 18th. She will sail for Shanghai, Taku, Dalny and Tsing-tao on December 18th.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:

North Wall Basin, *Withington*, *Brace*, *France*; South Wall Basin, *Peter*, *Tern*, *Robin*; East Wall Basin, *S.M.s. L.L., L.L., L.L.*; North Arm, *Argus*; West Wall Dock, *Hawkins*, *Petersfield*; In Dock, *Sterling*, *Stormcloud*, *Nemesis*, *Cicada*; No. 1 Buoy, *Carlisle*; No. 2 Buoy, *Bluebell*; No. 3 Buoy, *Herald*; No. 4 Buoy, *Iroquois*; No. 7 Buoy, *Cantor*; No. 8 Buoy, *Am-brose*, *S.M.s. L.L., L.L.*; No. 10 Buoy, *Serapis*, *Siridar*; No. 11 Buoy, *Thracian*; No. 13 Buoy, *Volunteer*; No. 19 Buoy, *Belgic*; No. 28 Buoy, *Kharkov*; No. 28 Buoy, *Ruthenia*. Foreign Men of War:—U.S.S. *Pampanga*; French, *Argus*.

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UNITED KINGDOM & CONTINENT

"CITY OF TOKIO" ... 3rd January

"CITY OF CALCUTTA" ... 18th

"CITY OF PEKIN" ... 14th February

"CITY OF BENARES" ... 20th

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"KALYAN"	5,144	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
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"KALYAN"	5,144	31st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MORBA"	10,953	28th April	do.
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"MALWA"	10,956	26th May	Marseilles and London.
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"DEVANHA"	5,155	24th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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"KARAFURA"	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,956	7th Jan.,	S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
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"KHEIVA"	5,135	23rd Jan.,	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,130	4th Feb.,	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,956	7th Feb.,	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	17th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	5,318	18th Feb.	do.
"KALYAN"	5,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,946	2nd Mar.,	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	6th Mar.,	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"LAHORE"	5,254	12th Mar.,	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Mar.,	do.
"MORBA"	10,953	30th Mar.,	do.
"KASHGAR"	5,065	18th April,	do.
"MALWA"	10,956	27th April,	do.
"DEVANHA"	5,155	11th May,	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,130	25th May,	do.

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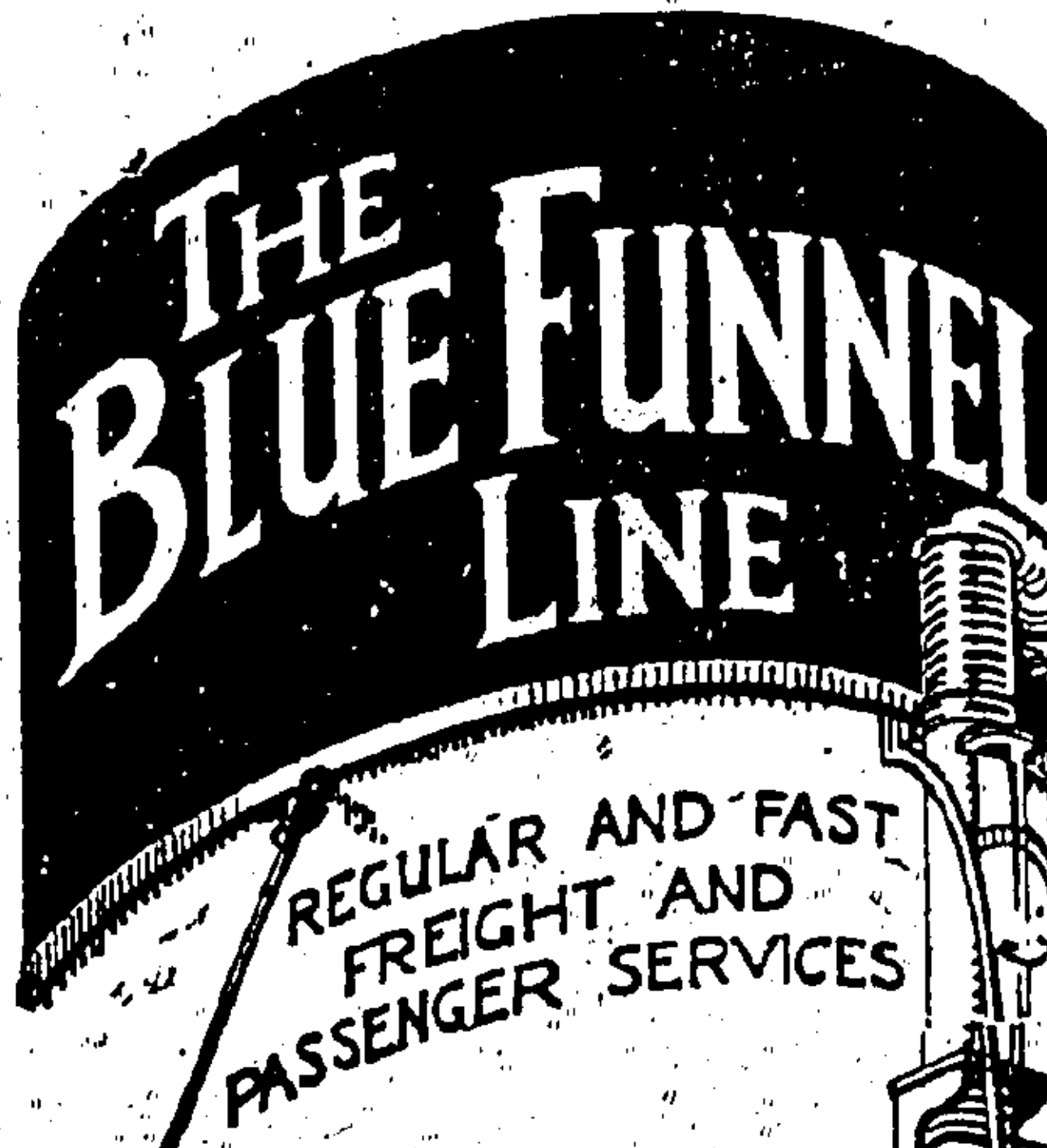
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From	Per	Due
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Jackson	12th Dec.
STRAITS	Garmala	12th Dec.
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STRAITS	Memnon	12th Dec.
STRAITS	Diomed	12th Dec.
STRAITS	Haruna Maru	12th Dec.
STRAITS	Sadya	12th Dec.
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SHANGHAI	Pres. Garfield	12th Dec.
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JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Kashgar	12th Dec.
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CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. McKinley	12th Dec.
STRAITS	Kamo Maru	12th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Patoelus	12th Dec.
SHANGHAI & SHANGHAI	Hakusan Maru	12th Dec.
SUEZ & STRAITS	Ision	12th Dec.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Harrison	12th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Swallow ...	Hydrantosa	Monday, 12th
Amoy ...	Sinkara	12th
Fort Bayard ...	Wing Wo	12th
Manila ...	Pres. Jackson	12th
Amoy ...	Foon Chung	12th
Swallow, Amoy and Foochow	Hui Ching	Tuesday, 13th
*Straits and Calcutta	Lai Sang	13th
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles— due Marseilles, 13th Jan., 1928	Diomed	13th
Shanghai, Japan—Canada, U.S.A., O. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 14th Jan., 1928, & Europe via Siberia	Pres. Pierce	13th
Shanghai & Japan	Haruna Maru	13th
Swallow	Chakong	13th
Swallow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	Thursday, 15th
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia	Kalyan	15th
Java via Batavia	Tyondari	15th
Shanghai	Vogland	15th
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Is- land, 27th Dec.	Changto	15th
Japan, Canada, U.S.A. O. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 9th Jan., 1928	Aki Maru	Friday, 16th
Swallow, Amoy and Foochow	Chunwa	16th
Shanghai	Hui Hong	16th
Swallow	Seochuen	16th
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 15th Jan., 1928	Hakosaki Maru	16th
Japan, Canada, U.S.A. O. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 9th Jan., 1928	Achilles	16th

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